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CANTON ARMY.

IMMEDIATE REFORMS DEMANDED.

UNITY OF CONTROL.

General Chang Kai-shek, as Field Marshal of the East River sector of Kwangtung, has drawn up a report calling for immediate reorganization of the army, which he has submitted to the Committee of Military Affairs at Canton.

Gen. Chang desires revocation of the title of Kwun Chang (General officer commanding an army corps or column) as such titles are conferred in case of active service against a common enemy, and are likely to be taken advantage of in times of peace or internal disorder.

He also wants the strength of the army to be fixed on a definite basis according to the revenue of Kwangtung Province, which is now estimated at forty to fifty million dollars annually. Half of this sum, he declares, should be set aside for military purposes. He desires the province to have a standing army of 100,000 well-trained and properly equipped men, as well as a territorial force. His idea is a standing army on a peace footing of 15 to 18 divisions, three stationed around Canton, three on the North River, two at Sui Ling, and one each at Waichow, Moyang, Swatow, Leung Yeung, Kao Chow and Luichow, Linchow and Yum Chow, and Hainan Island.

Gen. Chang further desires that the pay and rationing services shall be placed immediately under an independent system of control.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

Six basic courses of study are desired for a systematized, centralized system of military education and training—administration, campaigning, communications, practical chemistry, practical medicine and surgery, and gunnery.

The fifth suggestion calls for improvement and extension of the work of the Arsenal without delay, with foreign expert assistance where necessary.

Finally, Gen. Chang insists on a standardized basis of enlistment in the army. Every man's record of service and previous conduct is to be examined, and he is to pass a probationary test if required. No ex-rebel officers are to be allowed to join the army on surrendering.

Superfluous distinguishing flags, now so much in vogue among military units, are to be abolished.

Gen. Chang calls for immediate institution of three reforms, which are designed to bring the whole army under unity of control, the sole command to be vested in the Committee of Military Affairs.

THE BOYCOTT.

MORE QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

UNOFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS.

London, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ormsby Gore, replying to Mr. H. W. Leaker with regard to the Canton boycott of British goods, particularly British trade from Hongkong, reported that unofficial discussions were proceeding between the representatives of Chinese merchants in Hongkong and the Canton Strike Committee. He thought it was far more likely to

ASSASSIN'S PLOT.

GERMAN POLITICAL SENSATION.

Berlin, Dec. 16.

A plot to assassinate Dr. Stresemann, Foreign Minister, was revealed when the police arrested two extreme Nationalists named Koldorff and Lorenz. The deed was already planned in all its details, including the disguises and a motor car and aeroplane flight.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN WAR.

JAPAN TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS

LATEST WARNING.

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

A Government spokesman has stated that Chang Tso-lin and Kuo Sung-lin will be notified by the Japanese that no fighting will be permitted within six miles of the capital. The spokesman stated that all the Consuls have requested Japan to take all steps to protect foreigners in the capital. The Japanese troops have been instructed to maintain absolute neutrality and no more troops will be sent except those already mentioned, unless the situation demands it.

The spokesman explained that the Portsmouth Treaty allowed Japan approximately 15,000 railway guards in Manchuria, but even with reinforcements the total is only 8,000. The Japanese do not expect Chang to attempt to take refuge in Mukden, even as a private citizen, as his life is endangered by the Chinese, but he will probably flee to Dairen or other Japanese territory if defeated.

Official advices indicate that Chang's mercenary troops are near revolt and numerous looting have been reported. Very strict measures are deemed necessary to prevent loss of lives and the property of nationals and foreigners. It is stated that Chang has previously removed most of his arms and munitions from the arsenal.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN AIMS.

WORKING WITH THE POWERS.

According to Havana, the general lines of the programme of Herr Koch will be the intensification of the spirit of Locarno, a world economic conference for the collaboration of nations, the constitution of a commission of experts to examine the fiscal law, and the ratification of the Washington Agreement on the eight-hour day, simultaneously with France, Belgium and England.

A communique from the Democratic Party declared that the chief factions of the future Coalition will arrive at an agreement of principle.—*Indo-Pacific Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved.)*

RAILWAY CONGRESS.

CONCLUDED IN MOSCOW.

Moscow, Dec. 16.

The International Conference of Railways finished here with a discussion of the services with the Far East and Western Europe. It accepted the invitation of the German railways for a confer-

SWATOW STRIKE.

UNIONS' SETTLEMENT TERMS.

INCREASED PAY.

At a representatives' meeting the Swatow strikers held a few days ago, says the Canton Gazette, the terms for resumption of work to be set before the British were decided upon. They are as follows:—

(1) Re-instatement—All strikers have to be given back their former duties which they performed before the strike. The wages and all allowances must also be given.

(2) The wages and all allowances of the strikers in various business firms, chief accounting offices, godowns, private residences, organisations and clubs during the time of the strike, must be paid, and cannot be delayed or reduced under any pretext. Before the resumption of work, the British Consul in Swatow should hand over the wages and all allowances of the strikers to the Swatow Strike Committee.

(3) The bonus of the staffs in the Chief Accounting offices of various commercial firms during the time of the strike must be paid and cannot be reduced under any pretext.

(4) The British Consul in Swatow should co-operate with the Chinese officials and the Strike Committee to organise a Compensation Committee. The British Consul is to compensate all various labour unions for their losses.

(5) All good treatment of various commercial firms before the strike such as savings, gratuity, bonus and pensions must be increased in accordance with the proportion of the wages and should not be cancelled.

(6) After the resumption of work if commercial firms, factories, organisations, clubs, etc., intend to dismiss any labourers, they must obtain the approval of the labour unions under all circumstances before they dismiss their employees. If there are no reasons for their dismissals and the labour unions acknowledge that they are not satisfactory, protests can be raised. After making the protests, the employees cannot be dismissed. If any Chinese workers are to be employed, the commercial firms should also procure the approval of the labour unions. Those Chinese labourers who have not enlisted in the labour unions will not benefit by this rule.

(7) After the settlement of the strike, those British commercial firms that do not intend at the settlement of the strike to resume business, or intend to change their names on resumption of business, and or change to other business, must employ their former employees when resuming business.

(8) The standard working hours for all offices will be six, while in the godowns, agencies, factories and residences it will be eight. Extra pay and adequate allowances must be paid for any extra work beyond the standard working time. A half holiday should be given to workers every Saturday. Terms for good treatment of women and children labourers are to be stipulated. The working hours of those labourers for transportation work or unloading of cargoes will be from 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. unless there are no vessels at the wharf. If there are no vessels, the working time will stop at 4 p.m. The work done beyond the standard time is considered night work, and this should not be over 12 p.m. Double pay must be given for night work.

(9) Work is to be stopped on all

ASSASSIN'S CAREER.

FORMER HONGKONG SCHOOLBOY.

Describing him as one who "nobly sacrificed his life on the altar of justice," the Canton Gazette gives some details of the career of Wei Teh, a cabin boy, who assassinated General Hung Shao-lin aboard the s.s. President Pierce recently.

It is stated that Wei Teh was a native of the Chung Shan district and was 27 years of age. He was born of a poor family and studied in Queen's College, Hongkong. Soon after he left school he served on board the s.s. Empress of Russia as a deck boy. During the rebellion of Chan King-ming in Canton, he together with his comrades Messrs. Yip Ying-chi and Wong Hong-tung, organised a propaganda society in order to denounce the crimes of Chan King-ming.

After this, he established an "Overseas' Union of Fund Raising" and after the late Dr. Sun returned to Canton, he together with his comrades organised a performance society called "Min Shing" on board the s.s. Empress of Russia, so as to raise funds for the Northern Expedition.

At that time he was nominated to join the Luen Yee Society by Messrs. Wong and Yip, but soon after he enlisted, he was not favoured by Chung Kwoon-kit (member of the conservative party) chief steward of Empress of Russia, so three of them resigned. Soon after he left there, he joined the s.s. Cheung Sing as a chief steward while Yip and Wong served in the s.s. President Grant. When the s.s. Cheung Sing for some time joined the s.s. President Grant, he acted as an interpreter and was on this ship up to the time when Hung Shao-lin was shot by him on the night of 7th instant.

The Gazette adds:—"It is learned that Wei had no appetite for amusements, but was fond of reading revolutionary books. He did not care to gossip or to waste time, and only was interested in National reform. Moreover those comrades who sheltered themselves from troubles caused by the rebels were always assisted by him, so although he sometimes saved some money he spent all his savings for them."

MAJOR DE PINEDO.

FRENCH AERO CLUB HONOURS.

Paris, Dec. 16.

The Aero Club has organised a reception and banquet in honour of the aviator, Major De Pinedo.—*Indo-Pacific Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved.)*

(10) All bad characters who secretly worked for British firms and have not participated in the strike must be dismissed and must not be employed by any foreign firms. The vacancies should be filled by labourers recommended by various labour unions.

(11) Prior to the strike, labourers getting wages of \$10 or below should be increased forty per cent. After the resumption of work, wages between \$10 and \$20, and twenty per cent. for \$100 and under. (This is due to the high cost of living in Swatow). The wages of the workers of the Douglas Shipping Co. for loading and unloading of cargoes should be \$1.00 Mex. per labourer. The wages of the workers of all foreign firms for transportation work should be doubled.

(12) Workers who are not putting up in the boarding house of the commercial firms and factories should be paid extra allowances of twenty per cent. of their wages for lodgings.

(13) If the cargoes of the commercial firms, purchased by the customers, are unloaded by the customers themselves, the firms should compensate half of the original unloading price of the cargoes to the transporting coolies.

(14) The Chinese workers on

LEAGUE AWARD.

IRAQ TO RETAIN MOSUL.

Geneva, Dec. 16.

Reuter is unofficially informed that under the League sub-committee's arbitral award Iraq retains Mosul, under certain conditions, the chief of which is the extension of the period of the mandate. While the Brussels line will be maintained, there will be provision for free economic intercourse between Mosul and Turkish Kurdistan, also a guarantee for the use of the Kurdish language, and ratification of the twenty-five years' Anglo-Turkish treaty.—*Reuter.*

Geneva, later.

The League Council in public session has announced its unanimous decision to award Mosul to Iraq, making the so-called provisional Brussels line the definite Turco-Iraq frontier, provided the British Government submits a new Anglo-Iraq treaty ensuring the continuation of the mandate for twenty-five years. The latter is subject to a reservation that Iraq may be admitted to membership of the League before the expiration thereof. As soon as, within six months, the Council has been brought to the Council's knowledge, the present decision will be pronounced definitive, and the Council will indicate the measures required to ensure delimitation of the frontier line. The Turkish delegates have not accepted the President of the Council's invitation to attend, but a letter from Tewfik Rushdi Bey, the chief Turkish delegate, has been received, reiterating the Turkish viewpoint, and declaring that Turkey has maintained her sovereign rights in Mosul.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH PRESS COMMENTS.

Paris, Dec. 16.

Commenting on the Mosul discussions, *L'Ouvre* says that the decision of the League will be a rude shock to Mustafa Kemal, and hopes the latter will reflect carefully the consequences of an eventual attack on the forces at Iraq of Great Britain.

The *Gaulois* says the whole danger of the situation lies in the possibility of Turkey, supported by Soviet Russia, making a desperate gesture. The *Gaulois* opines that the Council of the League's verdict has been prompted by the hope that the dispute will be the subject of direct Anglo-Turkish negotiations.

The *Petit Parisien* foresees vigorous Turkish opposition to the decision, and adds that if the Turks indulge in a warlike adventure, Great Britain could invoke the covenant of the League to claim sanctions.

The *Echo de Paris* says the Turks will only bow to strength. The only way the British Empire can safeguard peace is to exercise its strength resolutely.—*Reuter.*

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Ernest Edwin Hagger, of No. 21, Jordan Road, to Miss Isabella Crawford Macfarlane, who is due to arrive in the Colony by the s.s. Karmala from Scotland. Mr. Alfonso Car-

CHEMICAL WARFARE.

SECRET STUDY BY BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 16.

According to the *Westminster Gazette*, Britain is carrying out with great secrecy the study of chemical warfare, employing more than 500 officers and soldiers and spending annually £150,000. Two new poisonous gases are expected to be discovered.—*Indo-Pacific Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved.)*

MORRIS TRIAL.

UNEXPECTED TURN IN CASE.

SILENT DEFENCE.

London, Dec. 16.

In the concluding stages of the Hayley Morris trial at Lewes, the proceedings were interrupted for a few minutes owing to the female defendant fainting in the dock. She was temporarily removed.

Subsequently, the case for the Crown finished, whereupon Mr. Roland Oliver for Morris and Sir Curtis-Bennett for the wife, intimated that neither would be called to give evidence.

Mr. Roland Oliver said that Sir Curtis-Bennett did not consider that the woman was fit to take her trial and, as it was a joint indictment, he did not propose to offer any further observations.

Sir Curtis-Bennett said that they had advised his client not to enter the box, as the Jury could not rely on the evidence against her.

Mr. Justice Avory intimated that in view of the unexpected turn the case had taken, his summing up would be longer than he had hoped and might extend until to-morrow. He expressed the view that the woman defendant was in a perfectly fit condition to be tried, and his Lordship asked if the Jury could accept the flimsy excuse for Morris not going into the box or for Council not addressing the Jury on his behalf.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH FINANCES.

NEW MINISTER'S PROSPECTS.

Paris, Dec. 16.

That M. Doumer will be a short-lived stop-gap as Minister of Finance, is the opinion of the whole evening press which is preparing for another crisis. The Cartellists are completely dissatisfied with the appointment.

The *Paris Soir* says that M. Doumer is ready to accommodate his proposals to the ideas of all parties, but the newspapers unanimously predict he will not go far. *Le Liberté* says the Cabinet will soon fall and a government by national Union become inevitable.—*Reuter.*

A SOUND FINANCIER.

Later.

Senator Doumer, who is the sixth finance minister in six months, held the same position in 1895, after which he was for five years Governor-General of Indo-China. His last office was that of Finance Minister under M. Briand in 1921. He has a wide reputation, especially in the Senate, as a sound financial authority on somewhat conservative lines.

FULL CONTROL.

CANTON TROOPS IN EAST KWANGTUNG.

CHANG'S SUCCESS.

A belated report comes to hand stating that Ping Yuen, the remotest district in the north-eastern corner in Kwangtung, bordering on the frontiers both of Kiangsi and Fukien, has fallen into the hands of the Canton Army. Therefore, every district in the East River sector has been subdued and is now in the occupation of the Canton forces.

Following the report that the suppression of brigandage is about to begin from three sections in this sector, under the direct control of the three Generals, a report comes stating that Chang Kai-shek has already begun his tour of inspection of all the forces, which have been increased by the re-enlistment of the surrendered troops of the Yuet Kwan, under the command of these three Generals. The report further states that at the inspection of the troops at Kit Yang, where the two regiments of General Chang Ching had recently been transferred from Whampoa and the Mocha Tigris, in readiness to invade Fukien in case of necessity, Chang Kai-shek gave orders to increase the command of General Chang Ching to one division, to be called the 3rd Independent Division, and when fully equipped this division is to proceed without delay to take up assigned stations on the frontier of Fukien. It is also stated that Ching Ching will probably be appointed Tupan of the Frontier Defences of Fukien and Kiangsi.

After this inspection tour, which is expected to take a week to complete, it is probable that Chang Kai-shek will return to Canton to take part in the discussion of questions involving larger issues, such as finances, Army re-organization, suppression of banditry, the settlement of the strike and important matters bearing on the political developments in the North.

KWANGSI FORCES.

General Hu Chung-tak, of the Kwangsi unit, reports that in taking possession of Yum Chow, both Lum Chun-ling and Sun Pao-fan were reported to have taken flight to Haiphong and their surrendered troops have been re-enlisted under the commands of Sung Hing-chik and Chui King-ying, being renamed as the 12th and 14th Regiments of Kwangsi Forces respectively. In matters appertaining to civil administration, General Hu has telegraphed to the Field Marshal and the Administrator of Civil Affairs for further instructions.

COMMUNIST LEAFLETS.

TAMPERING WITH NAVAL RATINGS.

London, Dec. 16.

Portsmouth naval port orders by the Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir Sydney Fremantle, state that the Admiralty's attention has been called to the distribution, presumably through Communist activities, of pamphlets circulated widely on His Majesty's ships and at naval barracks, in home waters.

The Admiralty therefore have directed that a statement shall be read to all ship's companies and be placed on the notice boards of all His Majesty's ships and establishments, showing there is no foundation for the allegations contained in the leaflets, and pointing out that the writers of the leaflets are not interested in the welfare of the lower deck but aim at discontent

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ALLEGED LARCENY.

CHARGE AGAINST SHOP
MANAGER FAILS.

Magistrate's Suspicion.

The case concerning the rice shop manager who was charged on remand before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, with stealing \$370, belonging to the firm, was continued yesterday, and on conclusion of the evidence the defendant was discharged.

Mr. D. McCallum prosecuted and Mr. L. D. Turner defended.

A police interpreter stated that when the various parties went to the police station the two foks were interrogated and they told him that they did not see the complainant hand the defendant any money but heard her discussing certain matters relating to money.

On the conclusion of the case for the defence, Mr. Turner addressed his Worship and commented on the conflicting statements made by the two foks at the police station and in Court. He also made reference to the female witness who was called by the complainant after the case had been rejected by the police. The woman, he said, had subsequently developed a most marvellous memory for detail.

The charge was one of the most obviously worked up cases from the point of view of the witness' evidence, that one could possibly hear, and the case for the prosecution could hardly be credited.

Mr. McCallum, in reply, said that as far as the prosecution was concerned the facts were very simple. The foks in the police station said that they had not seen money pass but merely heard the complainant talk about it to the defendant. In the witness box they had only said that they saw the money in the complainant's hands. The female customer had also stated that she only saw the money in the woman's hands. His Worship was aware now confused a Chinese got and there was nothing extraordinary in the woman being called on the first occasion.

Mr. McCallum said that this was not the first time the defendant took advantage of his privileges; he had made a practice of it.

His Worship, after deferring his decision for twenty minutes while he read over the depositions, found the defendant not guilty and discharged him. He said he had very grave suspicions that the charge had been concocted.

CANTON POLICE COMMISSIONER.

APPRECIATION BY AMERICANS.

At the annual meeting of the American Association of South China, in addition to the resolutions passed commending the services rendered to the American community by the American Consul General, the British Consul General and the British Naval authorities, etc., a resolution was passed extending to General Tchen Wu and the Department over which he presides, the appreciation of the American Association of the careful, efficient and courteous way in which he has provided for the protection of the persons and property of American citizens.

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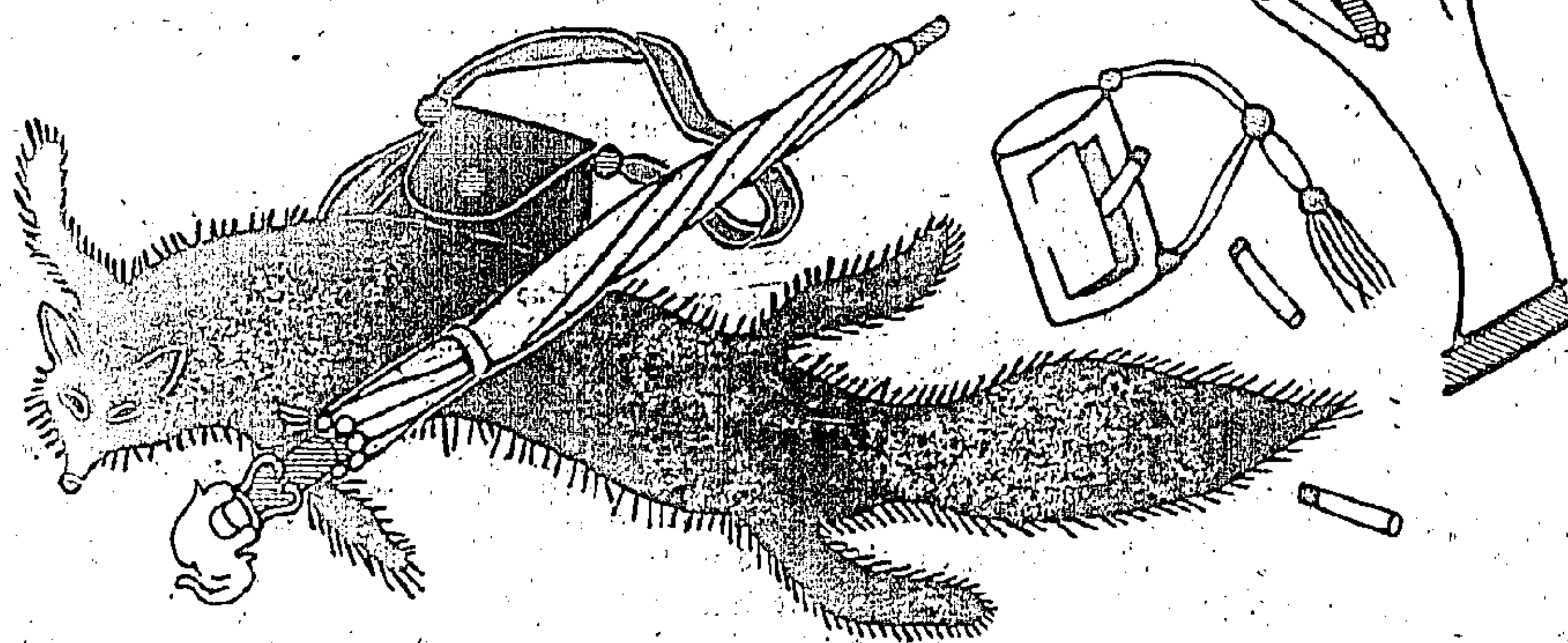
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MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES IN FULL SWING.

The new European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon is fast becoming the centre of many activities, and the committees which will take a considerable part in the management of the various activities of the Association are now being formed. In addition a Life Problem Class is conducted by the Secretary every Thursday evening.

Members have asked for a service to be given in the building on Sunday, and it has now been arranged to hold a short service in the Library each Sunday at 9 p.m.

On Mondays and Thursdays physical culture classes are held in the wide open space behind the building, and this instruction is interspersed with various games, including net ball.

The Christmas activities will include a climb to Tai Mo Shan on Boxing Day. Further particulars of this will be given later.

A DEAL IN SUGAR.

CASE AGAINST FORMER SALESMAN.

Theft Charge Dismissed.

Tan Tin-fook, 21 Tung Street, formerly a salesman in the employ of the Kui King Loong firm, made a further appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Last week defendant was charged with stealing 16 bags of sugar on May 2, and evidence was brought to show that his book gave no record of the deal.

A partner in the firm was, however, called for the defence and stated that he gave instructions for defendant to dispose of the sugar. He added that a representative of the firm had received payment for the sugar.

At the previous hearing Mr. Gordon Leask, who appeared to prosecute, asked for an adjourn-

ment after this evidence had been given, to enable him to further consult his client. The adjournment was granted and the case came up for hearing again yesterday.

Charge Withdrawn.

Mr. Leask said his Worship would remember that he had adjourned the case last week on his application in order that he might confer with his client. He had done so and now applied for leave to withdraw the case. His client felt that in view of the evidence given at the previous hearing it could not be proved that the salesman had committed any offence.

Mr. D. McCallum, who defended, said that in view of the possibility of a case being brought for malicious prosecution he would like His Worship (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) to record his findings in effect.

At the last hearing His Worship expressed the opinion that on the evidence there was nothing to support the charge of larceny.

SPITTING IN A TRAM.

CHINESE PASSENGER FINED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Major Willson, a Chinese passenger was fined \$10 for spitting in a tramcar.

Mr. D. E. Evans came forward as a witness, and the General Manager of the Tramway Company said he believed that with the co-operation of reliable witnesses it was quite possible to put a stop to the disgusting habit of spitting on (or from) tramcars.

Under the rules of the Company the maximum penalty for expectorating inside a tramcar is \$10.

and the notes that had been made would probably be made use of.

His Worship intimated that he would record his findings, and as the prosecution had withdrawn the charge, he would discharge the defendant.

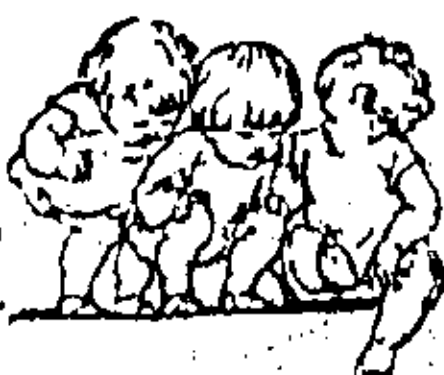
Defendant was accordingly discharged.

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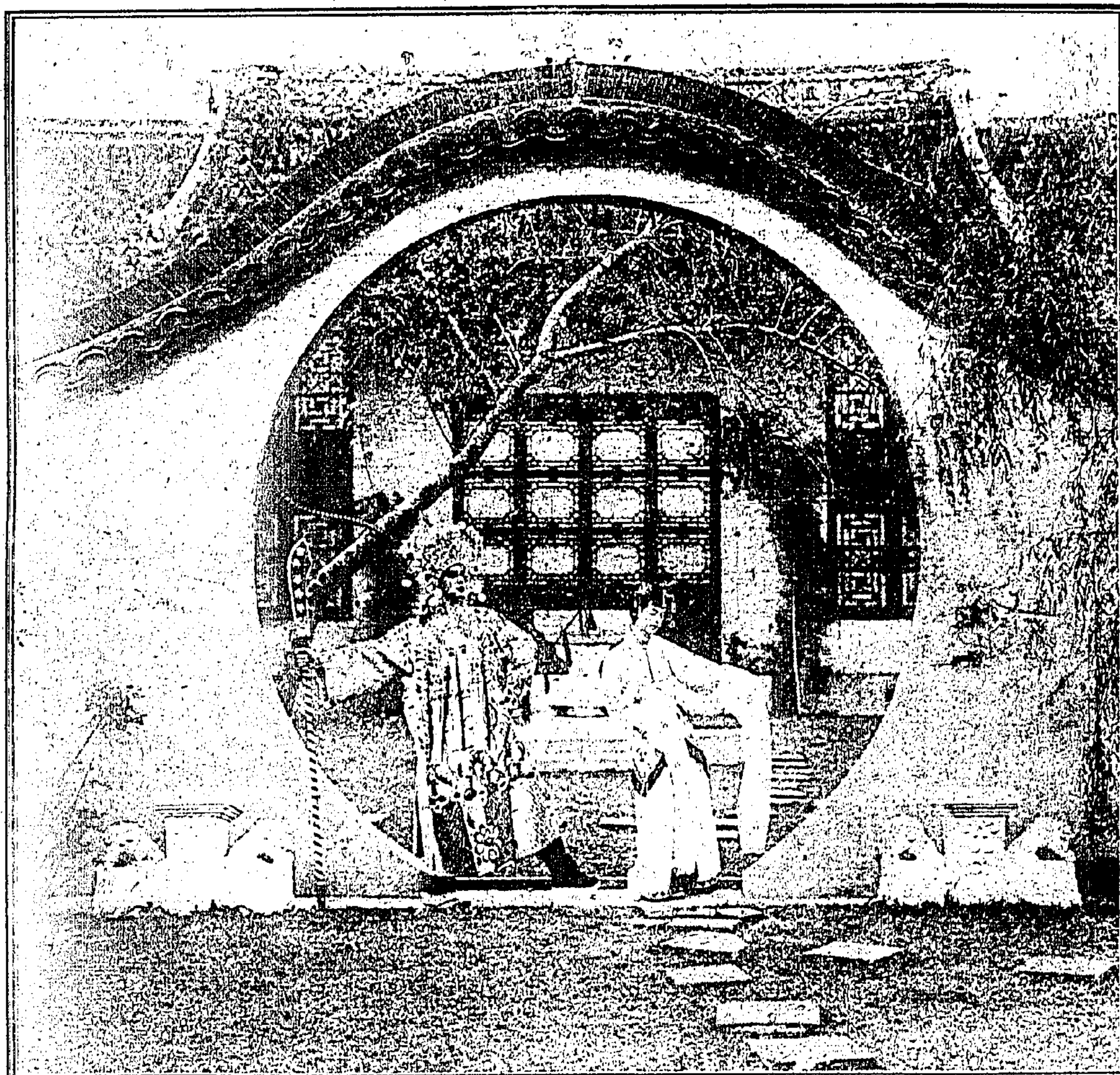
Fatima and Abdullah, old residents of the London Zoo, are shown in this unusual animal study, inspecting a new arrival from the jungles who now shares their cage.

Gored by a Bull.



This unusual photograph was taken at a bull fight in Mexico City just as Silvati, famous torreador, was caught and gored by a bull, and seriously injured.

A Picture of Old China.

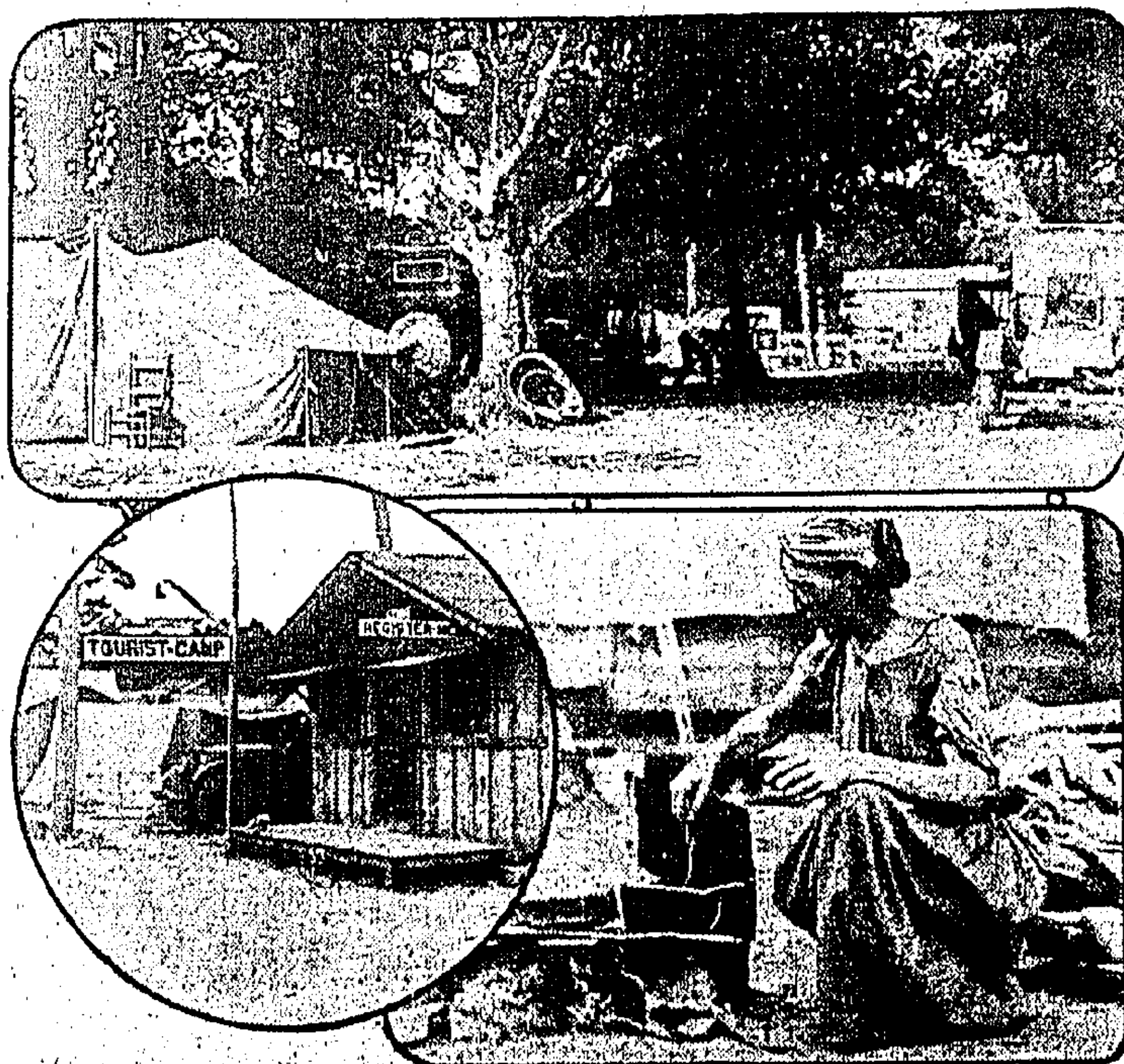


This shows Ted Shawn in a Chinese costume dating from days of bygone splendour, with Miss Anne Dou, one of the charming Denishawn dancers, looking as graceful as the "swaying lotus flowers".

American Wedding in London.



America's Southern Campers.



Along the Florida tourist trail. Above, campers under the s-s-roaring trees of the Miami camp; left, entrance to the same camp; right, woman tourist eating breakfast over a pri-

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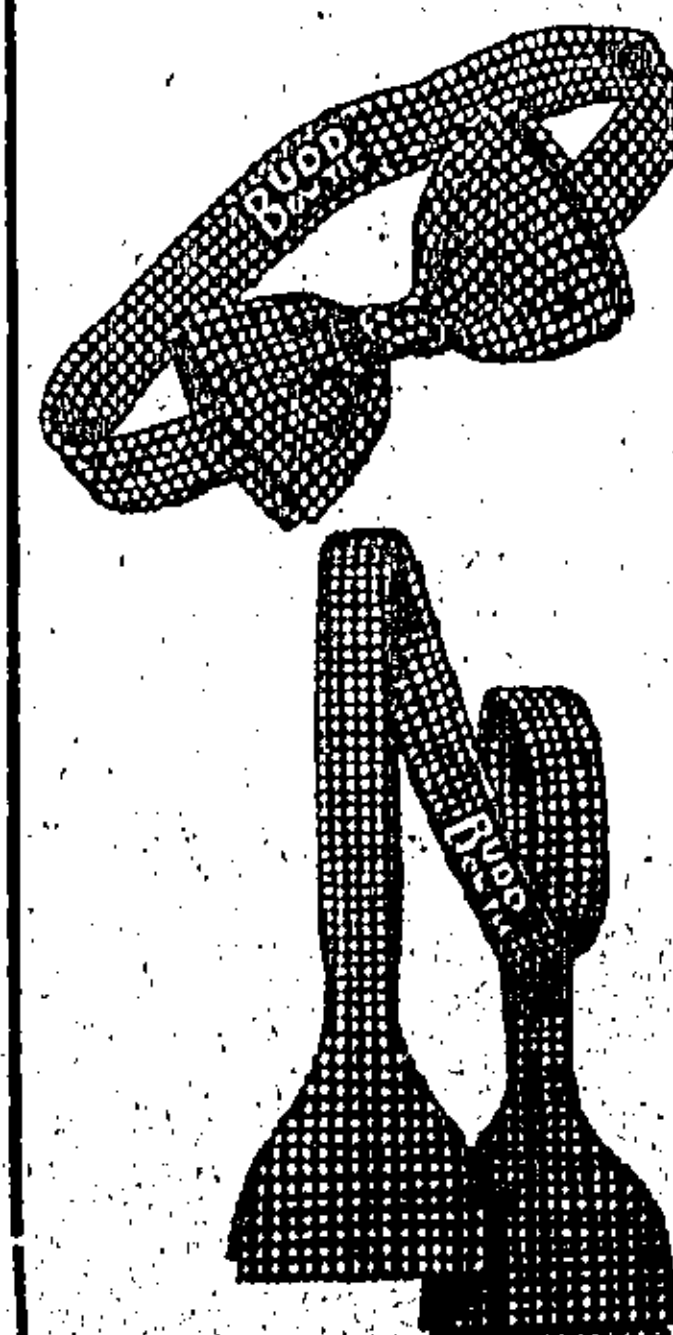
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HONGKONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

Capital \$5,000,000 divided into 500,000 Shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 110,000 were subscribed for cash on the incorporation of the Company by the two Promoters, the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater and James Harper Taggart, as to 15,000 each, and by the Directors, the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Very Reverend Father Leon Robert, Robert Gordon Shawan, John Scott Harston and James Harper Taggart as to 10,000 shares each.

On these \$3.50 per share (being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon) was paid on allotment and the balance (\$7.50 per share) will be paid when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

140,000 shares credited as fully paid up and ranking for dividend as from the 1st July, 1925, have been allotted to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, in pursuance of the Agreement (hereinafter called "the Purchase Agreement") dated the 29th day of May, 1925, made between the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, of the one part and James Harper Taggart on behalf of the above Company of the other part.

The remaining 250,000 shares, to rank for dividend from the 1st day of January, 1926, on the nominal amount from time to time paid up thereon but in all other respects equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for public subscription. \$3.50 per share is payable on application, being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon. The balance due on each share, namely \$7.50, will not be called up at present but is to be called up on subsequent demand as and when capital is required.

In allotting shares the Directors will, if there are sufficient applications from bona fide residents in the Colony of Hongkong, allot shares to such applicants only, and they will also pay due regard to the applications of telephone subscribers.

Directors.

The Hon. Sir Catchick Paul Chater, Marble Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. Percy Hobson Holyoak, of Messrs. Holyoak, Maasey & Co., Ltd., Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, of the Bank of East Asia, Limited, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

The Hon. Mr. Robert Horne Kotewall, of China Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Very Reverend Father Leon Robert, of Missions Etrangères, Victoria, Hongkong, Missionary.

Robert Gordon Shawan, of St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

John Scott Harston, of Prince's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.

James Harper Taggart, of Victoria, Hongkong, Managing Director of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

In pursuance of the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, and the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, or either of these Companies, so long as these Companies or either of them hold in their or its own right not less than 100,000 fully paid up shares in the above Company are to have the right of nominating two Directors of the Company provided such Nominated Directors are bona fide residents of Hongkong. The first nominated Directors (nominated by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited,) are the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Bankers.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

Auditors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Victoria, Hongkong, Chartered Accountants.

Solicitors.

Messrs. Deacons, Victoria, Hongkong.

Registered Office.

16, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

Acting Secretary.

A. L. Terry, A.C.I.S.

(a) The Company was formed on the 24th June, 1925, for the purpose of taking over the undertaking in Hongkong of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, who was the Vendor thereof and whose Registered Office is situated at Alderman House, Alderman Walk, Bishopsgate, London, England. The material terms of the bargain are set forth in the Purchase Agreement, as follows:—

(2) The Vendor Company will sell and the Hongkong Company will purchase as at the First day of "July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five" the said Telephone business and the whole of the "undertaking in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof as a going concern (with the benefit of all assets there situated but exclusive of the net profits, investments, cash in hand, and in the Bank and debts due to the Vendor Company "on the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five) of the Vendor Company "but free from all debentures, mortgages, or charges of any kind and the Vendor Company save as herein specially provided for shall pay and discharge all liabilities whatsoever incurred by the "Vendor Company prior to the First day of July "One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five including the satisfaction of all claims in respect of staff superannuation funds bonus funds and/or other "bonus payments up to and including the Thirtieth "day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five. Provided always and these presents are upon "this express condition that the same shall be subject to the said James Harper Taggart being satisfied "with the state and condition of the plant (including "cables conduits, etc.) of the Vendor Company. The "said phrase 'the undertaking' shall be deemed "to include:—

(a) The Goodwill of the Vendor Company as now "carried on in the Colony of Hongkong and "the Dependencies thereof.

(b) All the lands and buildings of the Vendor "Company owned and/or leased by the "Vendor Company for the purpose of its said "business being the premises set out in the "Schedule hereunder written subject to the "rents conditions and reservations affecting "the same.

(c) All plant material stores machinery property "stock in trade instruments furniture and "utensils together with such books accounts "documents plans statistics records and

"reports as pertain or are necessary to the "conduct in continuity of the business being "the property of the Vendor Company and "used by it for the purpose of its business "and including spare plant and stores of all "descriptions (whether actually in use or not "in use) without any exception whatsoever "save as hereinafter mentioned in the posses- "sion of the Vendor Company or to which it "is entitled and also including works of all "kinds in the course of construction without "exception.

(d) The benefit of all contracts and engagements "entered into by the Vendor Company in the "Colony of Hongkong in relation to its said "business (but excepting contracts with "employees of the Vendor Company for which "special provision is hereafter made).

(e) The Vendor Company's rights and corres- "ponding obligations in respect thereof relat- "ing to all wayleaves ways and all other "rights and easements enjoyed and used by "the Vendor Company for the purpose of its "said business.

(8) The consideration for the said sale shall be the "following sums that is to say:—

(a) The sum of \$1,155,000 (One million one "hundred and fifty-five thousand Dollars "Hongkong Currency) for the plant of the "Vendor Company.

(b) The landed cost to the Vendor Company of "all additions made to the said plant and/or "property from the First day of January One "thousand nine hundred and twenty-five to "the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine "hundred and twenty-five.

(c) The sum of \$491,335 (Four hundred and "ninety-one thousand three hundred and "thirty-five Dollars Hongkong Currency) for "the land and buildings of the Vendor Com- "pany which are more particularly set forth "in the Schedule hereto.

(d) The value of the stores of the Vendor Com- "pany which at the Thirtieth day of June One "thousand nine hundred and twenty-five are "in the possession of the Vendor Company in "the Colony of Hongkong or are in transit to "the Vendor Company there or for the pur- "chase of which the Vendor Company has "entered into binding contracts.

(4) The said consideration shall be satisfied (as to the "sum of One million four hundred thousand Dollars "part thereof) by the allotment and issue to the "Vendor Company of One hundred and forty thou- "sand shares of Ten Dollars each in the Hongkong "Company credited as fully paid up ranking for "dividend as from the First day of July. One "thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and (as to "the balance thereof) by payment in cash in Hong- "kong Currency in Hongkong by the Hongkong Com- "pany to the Vendor Company."

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

Properties Owned by the Vendor Company.

No. 2 Queen's Road Central and Inland Lot No. 57, Sections A & B

No. 14 Lee Road Street. of Inland Lot No. 339.

No. 1 Cameron Road, Kowloon. Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot

No. 118 and 119, The Peak. Remaining Portion of Rural

Building Lot No. 47.

Properties Leased by the Vendor Company.

(a) Six Office Rooms in Nos. 15 and 17 Queen's Road Central.

(b) One Two-storied Godown, used as Store and Workshop being No. 3a Duddell Street.

(c) Portion of land belonging to Kowloon-Canton Railway at Blackhead's Point, Kowloon, for storing cables.

In addition to the allotment of 140,000 shares of the Company, credited as fully paid up, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, has received from the Hongkong Company \$200,000 in cash on account of the consideration specified in the Purchase Agreement.

The Hongkong Company was formed for the purpose, also, of supplying telephonic communication within and between the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and the New Territories for a period of Fifty years under a Concession from the Hongkong Government detailed particulars of which appear more fully in The Telephone Ordinance 1925 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Telephone Ordinance").

The Hongkong Company is authorised to charge the following annual rates with effect from the 1st July, 1925:—

(a) \$108 per Exchange Line within (i) Victoria and Kowloon as defined by the Interpretation Ordinance 1911 and (ii) within the Peak District as defined by the Peak District Reservation Ordinance 1904 but substituting "700 feet" for "788 feet."

(b) \$108 per Exchange Line within a radius of one mile from any exchange that may hereafter be opened outside the areas referred to in (a).

(c) An additional charge of \$50 per mile or part of a mile measured outwards from the nearest point of the boundary of the areas referred to in (a) and (b).

(d) For extension telephones, bells, switches, switch-boards, power-circuits, removals, and other services of like nature, such charges as the Governor-in-Council may approve.

Should the charges above referred to be insufficient to pay to the shareholders of the Company a minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum of the paid-up capital of the Company for the time being, after making provision for working and managing expenses, maintenance and efficient service, depreciation and reserve, and the other deductions referred to in Section 35 of the said Telephone Ordinance, the above rates are to be raised so as to enable the shareholders to receive such minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum.

The amount to be written off as provided annually for depreciation is not to exceed ten per cent. on the cost of the Company's plant and equipment other than land and buildings, and the amount that may be appropriated annually by the Company to a Reserve Account shall not exceed \$50,000.

The net profits of the Company after providing as aforesaid are to be used firstly in payment to the Government of a royalty of Four Dollars in respect of each direct exchange line Telephone which has been used and paid for during the whole previous Twelve months by a Telephone Subscriber or One Dollar per direct exchange line Telephone for each period of Three months or less.

The said net profits are accordingly to be applied in payment to the shareholders of the Hongkong Company of the minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum rising to Twelve per cent. per annum.

If the net profits be such that a larger dividend than Twelve per cent. per annum can be paid then as to the difference between Twelve per cent. and Eighteen per cent. half thereof is to be paid by way of increase of dividends to the shareholders of the Company, and the remaining half of such difference is to be set aside for the benefit of subscribers by way of reduction of the subscription rates authorised as above mentioned. The dividend payable to shareholders is limited to a maximum of Fifteen per cent. per annum.

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Any further net profits (i.e., net profits in excess of Eighteen per cent. per annum) are to be applied solely for the reduction of subscription rates.

Full particulars in respect of the above appear in the Telephone Ordinance, 1925.

(b) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is Seven shares.

(c) The shares now offered for subscription have not been underwritten.

(d) No commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and flotation of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also the legal costs and expenses of and incidental to the negotiations which have taken place for acquiring the aforesaid undertaking and the negotiations with the Hongkong Government arising thereout and the obtaining of the aforesaid Ordinance, such legal costs and expenses to be incurred during the year 1925, and the estimated amount thereof is \$20,000.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$2,000 per annum.

(g) The Directors were interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the Purchase Agreement and of The Telephone Ordinance No. 9 of 1925 can be inspected at the office of Messieurs Deacons, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$3.50 per share, being as to \$2.50 thereof one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to the remaining \$1.00 the premium thereon. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and forms of application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, and at and from the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messieurs Deacons, No. 1 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Dated the 15th day of October 1925.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB DEFEATS "HAWKINS."

The Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven defeated a team from H.M.S. Hawkins by four goals to three at the U.S.R.C. ground last evening, in a fast and interesting game. On the run of the play, the Club were the stronger, but owing to the stubborn fight put up by the sailors' defence, they were unable to win by a larger margin. The Hawkins played well and strongly, but the forwards were not so consistent and quick as were those of the Club.

Wauchope was a prominent player for the sailors, and Lyle and Simms, his partners, did useful work, but were not quick enough for the Club forwards. Stephenson, inside right, was the most thrustful forward, and Nicholson showed up well at centre forward. The backs, Bradbury and Main, put up a strong fight and Ford in goal saved some awkward situations. Freer worked well with Symth on the left wing, and Wilson on the right put across some promising centres.

Good team work was shown by the Club, but the backs, Farquharson and Wedlake, might have done better with some of the attacks that resulted in goals. Mitchell worked hard as the pivot of the team, and the other halves were strong, Martin being particularly so. Woodward as leader of the attack had hard luck with a number of shots, and Dyer-Ball was continually making headway.

The Club started with one player short, but they attacked straight away without success, a nice passing movement between Mitchell, Woodward and Dyer-Ball being stopped by Main. The ball was taken to the other end where Martin managed to stop a break-away but a forward pass by Lyle enabled Nicholson to score. A few minutes afterwards the Club's late player turned up, and from that time they began to take command of the game. Martin sent in an unsuccessful centre, and another by Owen-Hughes, was missed by Woodward and Evans with an open goal. Eventually Evans, who was playing a remarkably good game at inside left, put the Club level. Fast play ensued and eventually the Club got ahead from a centre by Price which was deflected into the net by another forward. Shortly afterwards, Evans scored the third for the Club. The sailors tried hard, but the only notable shot was one by Freer which hit the post.

On resuming, the Club continued to have the balance of the play and for a large part of the remaining time exerted great pressure on the opposing goal. It was at this time that Ford and the two backs showed up well, but nevertheless had the Club forwards shot better, they would have added to their score. Occasionally the sailors pressed for short stretches at a time, and by good shooting they turned these pressures to account. Nicholson succeeded in adding, making the sailors' score two, and soon afterwards Price put on another for the Club.

Before the end Nicholson added a third for the sailors.

WORLD'S AIR RACE.

BRITAIN PREPARED TO CALL A HALT.

London, Dec. 16. An international appeal to restrict aerial expansion was implied by Sir Samuel Hoare, speaking in West London, when he declared that while he was able to recommend the postponement of certain items of expenditure, the British programme must depend on the attitude of other Governments. He said that notwithstanding our notorious inferiority, compared with continental nations, also our peculiar vulnerability from the air, we were prepared as a result of Locarno to relay our programme to some extent, and hoped other countries would follow this example, and enable the Governments to avoid a race in armaments in the future which would be far more disastrous than any in the past. *Reuter.*

London, Dec. 16.

In the English Cup relay between Wigan and Crewe, the former team won by two goals to one.

In the First Division of the English League, Burnley defeated Burnley by eight goals to one.

In the Northern section of the Third Division, Bradford defeated New Brighton by one goal to nil. *Reuter.*

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HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE COMPETITION.

H.M.S. Titania v. H.M.S. Hawkins.

The above match was shot off at Stonecutters Range on Saturday, Dec. 5, and resulted in a win for H.M.S. Hawkins. The scores were as follows:

Name	200	500	600	Total
P. O. H. Page	32	31	25	88
Sgt. W. J. Atkins	30	29	28	87
A. B. L. Ring	28	31	22	81
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	25	27	27	80
L. S. S. Trowbridge	22	27	29	78
P. O. A. Lewry	25	25	24	74
P. O. A. C. Thoday	22	28	22	72
Colour Sgt. W. Gossett	20	23	28	65

Totals: 204 222 203 629
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H. M. S. Titania.

Name	200	500	600	Total
L. R. W. Keymer	30	28	29	87
A. B. Bryant	35	28	22	85
Mne. Firth	31	28	24	83
Sgt. Harper	29	25	24	78
Sto. Farrell	27	25	25	77
Mne. Vince	29	26	19	74
A. B. Hammond	19	23	20	62
Cpl. Kier	19	22	9	50

Totals: 219 205 127 556
Peep sight.

H.M.S. Iroquois v. H.M.S. Hawkins.

The above match was shot off at Stonecutters Range on Saturday, 12th Dec., and resulted in a win for H.M.S. Hawkins. The scores were as follows:

Name	200	500	600	Total
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	30	30	33	93
P. O. H. Page	30	30	30	90
P. O. A. Lewry	30	30	28	88
Colour Sgt. W. Gossett	28	31	27	86
P. O. A. C. Thoday	27	29	27	83
A. B. L. Ring	27	30	20	77
L. S. S. Trowbridge	25	26	25	76
Sgt. W. J. Atkins	24	26	25	75

Totals: 221 232 215 668

H. M. S. Iroquois.

Name	200	500	600	Total
A. B. F. J. Hoare	25	30	22	77
P. O. C. Stuer	25	25	25	75
S. P. O. A. Patten	29	24	22	75
A. B. E. Lobb	23	26	23	72
A. B. E. Webb	21	23	22	66
A. B. H. Hawker	25	24	16	65
A. B. W. Barnes	20	21	21	62
P. O. G. Vincent	18	22	21	61

Totals: 187 195 176 558

THE NORTHERN STRUGGLE.

JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Tokyo, Dec. 15.
It is learned from the War Office that part of the troops from Korea have already left for Manchuria and the remainder are following immediately, but the troops from Kurume are probably not leaving till the 18th. It is understood that the troops from Korea consist of infantry and artillery only, whereas those from Kurume form a composite brigade of all arms under Major General Saito with an automobile wireless section attached.—Reuter.

The postage stamps of the independent State of Mongolia, originally issued as far back as July, 1924, are described for the first time in a new edition of the French catalogue. There are six values, from 1 cent to \$1, in a characteristic design, the chief feature of which is four crowns united by a circular device. These stamps are believed to mark the fourth anniversary of the "independence" of Mongolia, and said to emanate from Moscow. There seems to be a certain amount of mystery surrounding them, and this requires to be cleared up before they are accepted by philatelists generally.

KOWLOON MATTERS.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION DISCUSSIONS.

The Children's Playground.

The usual monthly meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, the President, Mr. W. S. Bailey, in the chair.

Children's Playground.—As only a strip of ground along Chatham Road and not the full area further back from the road had been prepared by Government, the President is to interview the Hon. Colonial Secretary upon the matter with a view to obtaining for the children the full area for which the Association had asked the Government.

Dangerous Cycling by Youths in Kowloon.—A letter was read from the C. S. P. that this practice was not confined to Chinese and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write the C. S. P. that the Association complaint included all offenders, against whom heavier penalties should be devised.

Numbering of Houses in Kowloon.—The Hon. Secretary was instructed to again write the Government on this subject, giving specific instances of confusion in numbering, with consequent annoyance in wrong deliveries or non deliveries of letters, etc.

Kowloon Hospital.—The Hon. Secretary to write the Government respectfully requesting date of opening of this Hospital.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per s.s. President McKinley for Manila, December 15.—Mr. H. W. Benjamin, Miss Marian Carter, Lt. and Mrs. J. B. Daniels, Master J. E. Daniels, Mr. R. V. French, Lt. and Mrs. A. S. Feltz, Miss Dorothy Feltz, Miss Major Feltz, Mrs. W. A. Gilmore, Mr. H. J. Guigni, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hinterman, Mrs. Helen Hubel, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Isserson, Mr. H. D. Macaulay, Mr. Jerome Mares, Lt. and Mrs. W. E. McCain, Master W. E. McCain, Miss Nellie McCain, Ensign R. E. Nelson, Mr. M. P. Rivers, Mr. A. A. Simon, Lt. and Mrs. R. S. Savin, Lt. Comdr. H. F. Tribou, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Massee, Mr. A. W. Brady, Mrs. H. Brockstadt, Mrs. A. Meyer, Master A. Meyer, Miss H. Montano, Mr. J. W. Hummingstad, Captain A. Broede, Miss Sarah Goldberg, Mr. Neithammer, Mr. W. Neithammer, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hilderson, Miss V. Hilderson, Master L. Hilderson, Master B. Hilderson, Mr. Adam C. S. Morton, Mr. Chan Ho, Mr. Chan Shing Wan, Mr. Go Tin, Mrs. A. W. Brady, Mrs. Lee Shee, Miss Poon Shu-Nui, Mr. E. E. McCann, Mr. Henry Uy Cho Yee, Mr. B. Gulabrai, Mr. N. Kishinchand.

Per s.s. Patroclus for Europe via ports, December 16.—Sir Edward and Lady Pearce, Mr. R. B. Noorhead, Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore, Mr. Butler, Mr. W. J. Shanahan, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore, Miss Turnbull, Miss Freda Fairchild, Miss Margery Fairchild, Miss Nancy Fairchild, Mr. P. C. Inglis, Capt. Whitelaw, Sir Percival Phillips, Mr. T. Kleva, Mr. and Mrs. Keigwin, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Orme, Rev. E. K. Quick, Mr. P. Morrison, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. R. E. A. Webster, Mrs. Webster, Miss G. M. Blake, Mrs. Somers Ellis, Mr. M. Lymberry, Mr. James Barr, Mr. Humphrey G. Robins, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Stillson, Master Wm. W. Stillson and Master R. H. Stillson.

A survey of the work of the new Welland ship canal shows that big progress has been made this year, but, according to authoritative sources of information, it will require five years, or better before the undertaking is completed. The various contractors have at present about 3,000 men employed. This winter, it is expected, 1,500 men will be maintained on various jobs.

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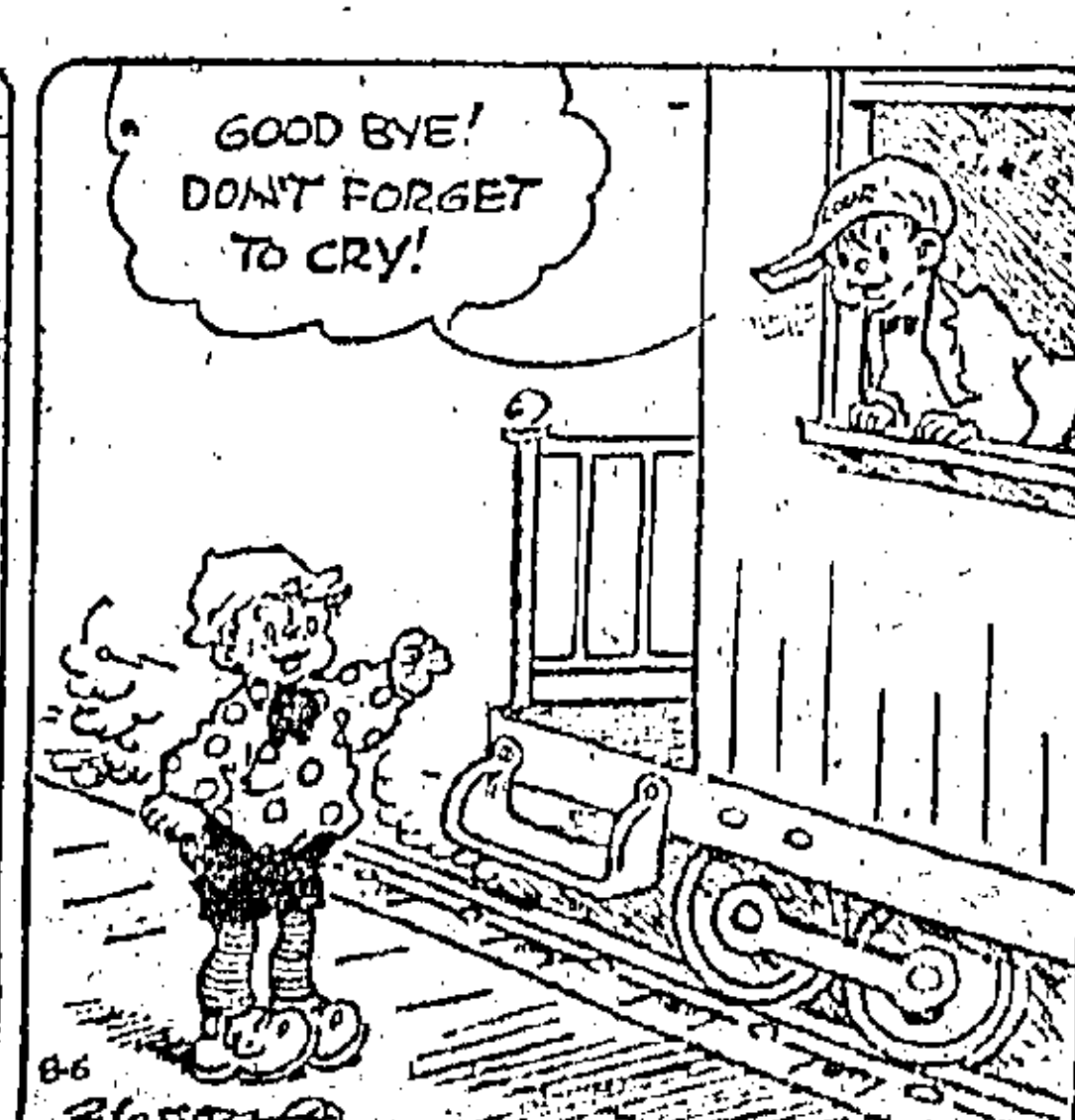
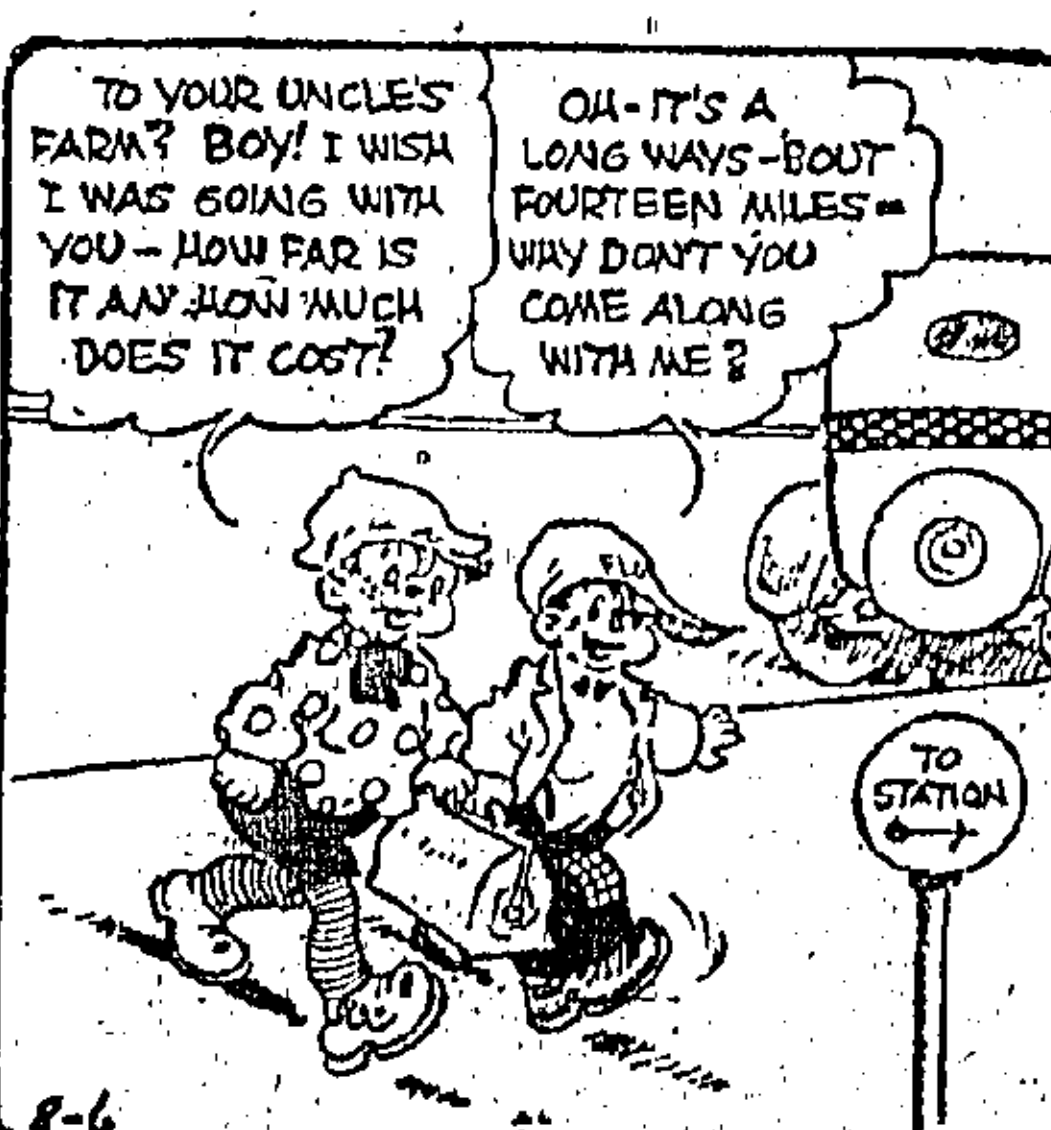
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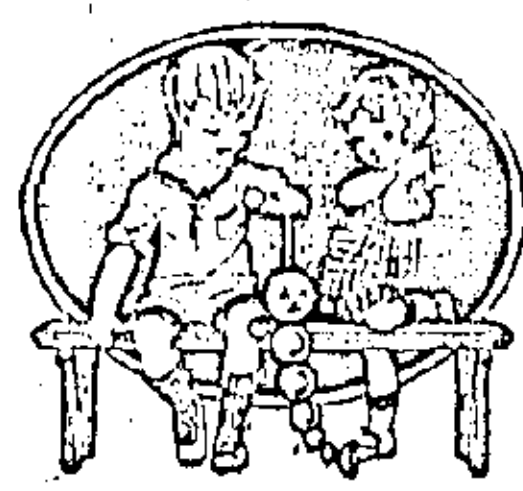
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THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1925.

WORLD SHIPPING.

Hongkong, as one of the world's
greatest ports, is intensely inter-
ested in the state of shipping,
which at the present time is
passing through a period of ex-
treme depression. According to
the annual report of the opera-
tions of Lloyd's Register, in
some important aspects the pre-
sent depression is the most
serious in living memory, and it
is put on record that the situa-
tion is unrelieved by any pros-
pect of improvement in the near
future. On the one hand, there
is a large amount of surplus
tonnage afloat, brought about by
building operations during the
war, whilst, on the other, there is
a serious shrinkage in the volume
of the world's ocean trade, com-
pared with pre-war times. With
freights brought down below a
paying level, and with no cor-
responding reduction in the costs
of the production and operation
of ships, Lloyd's declare that the
position of shipowners and ship-
builders has become one of un-
exampled difficulty. These are
facts with which Hongkong is
only too well acquainted, for in
the matter of both of construction
and operation this Colony has
suffered greatly from the slump.
As to the future, the opinion is
voiced by Lloyd's that there can
be no permanent improvement
until overseas trade revives and
a more normal ratio is estab-
lished between the cargoes to be
carried and the vessels available
for carrying them.

Some idea of the amount of
shipping now available is to be
gathered from the fact that at the
end of June this year the total
tonnage of merchant vessels
afloat amounted to 28,436,965
tons, which is the highest ever
recorded. Add to this the further
fact that on this date there were
under construction to the
Society's classification 372 vessels
of over a million and a half tons,
and it is shown that the aggregate
of shipping holding, or intending
to hold, the classification of
Lloyd's Register amounts to
9,962 vessels, of more than thirty
million tons gross. Despite the
conditions prevailing, new vessels
continue to be built, for during
the past year no fewer than 493
were assigned classes by Lloyd's,
totalling 1,315,730 tons. Under

this heading we notice that Brit-
tain still leads the way in new
construction, as 388 of these
vessels were built in Great Brit-
ain and Ireland. It is of interest
to note that more than 25 per-
cent. of the total tonnage of new
vessels classed during the twelve
months were fitted for burning
oil fuel in the furnaces of
their boilers, and some indica-
tion of the developments along
these lines can be gathered from
the fact that whereas in 1914
steamers fitted for burning oil fuel
totalled 1,310,203 tons, the figure
in July of 1925 had reached
17,804,122 tons. The outstanding
feature of the development of
marine propulsion is still the
adoption of the internal combus-
tion engine. Motor ships other
than yachts, and excluding those
of less than 1,000 tons, only
numbered 297, of 234,287 gross
tons in 1914, but for July of the
present year these figures had
risen to no less than 2,145 vessels
of 2,714,073 tons, this including
132 vessels of 6,000 tons or
upwards. There are many other
extremely interesting features
disclosed in the report, but suffi-
cient has been quoted to show
the trend of shipping at the pre-
sent time. It is to be hoped that
the rather gloomy situation still
prevailing will in due course give
way to better times, in which
event we may be sure that Britain
will be quite ready to play her
outstanding part in the days to
come.

Cleansing Kowloon.

We feel sure that the general
opinion of Kowloon residents is
in favour of the proposal to have
the servants quarters of European
houses there thoroughly cleansed
and disinfected by the Sanitary
Department. It must, indeed, be
a matter of surprise to many to
learn that a practice which ap-
parently has been usual in the
lower level districts of Hongkong
island has never been applied to
the mainland. The advantages of
such a system in preventing in-
fective diseases, or checking
their spread, and enabling the
discovery of possible insanitary
practices, need not be emphasised.
We trust that it will be
made at least an annual
practice in Kowloon in
future. The other day we read
a very interesting article on "An
Outline of the History of Plague
in Hongkong," contributed to
the *Journal of the Royal Sanitary
Institute* by Dr. A. G. M. Severn,
the Asst. Medical Officer of Health,
in which the following passage
occurs: "Districts were treated
in rotation, so that each tenement
house was cleansed at least three
times a year. This important
measure is still being carried out
with great success and with but
slight modification. It has all
the advantage of simplicity, effi-
cacy and economy. Each inspec-
tor is allotted a certain number of
floors daily; the occupants turn
out their household possessions,
the floors and cubicles are washed
out, and the bed-boards are cleansed
in portable iron tanks. An
inspection is made for minor
structural illegalities, rat-runs
and similar holes are filled in
with cement at once and all rub-
bish is carted away." This, the
ordinary routine work in Chinese
residential areas, has had most
valuable results. The servants
quarters of European houses pro-
vide the link between "China-
town" and western sanitation,
and might easily prove the means
of infective contact. The intro-
duction of systematic, periodical
cleansing of servants quarters in
all parts of the Colony must surely
only be a matter of time. It
appears to us to be long overdue.

In memory of the late M. Paul
Kremer, former Consul for France
in Hongkong, who died at Hankow
last week, members of the French
community and many of the de-
ceased's friends attended a Re-
quiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church
this morning. Draped in black,
the interior of the edifice was in
keeping with the impressive char-
acter of the service. The Rev. Fr.
Robert, officiating at the altar, as-
sisted by members of the French
Mission and a choir, and amongst
those present were the Pro-Vicar
Apostolic of Hongkong, Rev. Fr.
Spada, the French Consul and
Madame du Courthial, the Portu-
guese Consul, and others. The
service concluded with the playing
of the Dead March in "Saul."

DAY BY DAY.

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IF IT BE EVER SO LITTLE, IF IT IS
ONLY TO BE A HEWER OF WOOD
OR DRAWER OF WATER, DO SOME-
THING IN THE GREAT BATTLE
FOR GOD AND TRUTH.—C. Spurge-
son.

The opening rate of the dollar
on demand to-day was 2s. 4.3/16d.

There was one Chinese case of
enteric fever notified yesterday.

Effective desk and wall cal-
endars have been issued by the
Blue Funnel Line.

The quarantine restrictions im-
posed on arrivals from Japan
have now been removed.

Quarantine restrictions have
been imposed by Hongkong on
arrivals from Shanghai on ac-
count of small-pox.

Among residents who returned
to the Colony from Home by the
N.Y.K. *Atsuta Maru* yesterday
were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. C. Bur-
nett, Mrs. R. A. C. North and Mr.
and Mrs. J. H. Seth.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts
have received a cable from their
Shanghai office stating that the
Anglo-Dutch company has de-
clared a third interim dividend of
20 cents, making 55 cents for
1925.

The Right Honourable the
Secretary of State for the Colonies
has approved the appointment of
Mr. R. D. Acton, Malayan Civil
Service, to be a Puisne Judge of
the Supreme Court of the Straits
Settlements.

The Philharmonic Society played
"Iolanthe" to a full house at
the matinee performance yester-
day afternoon, and gave much
delight to a large gathering of
children and adults. There are
only three more performances—
to-night, Friday and Saturday.

Chan San-meng, who had been
convicted by the District Judge
at Singapore on charges of assist-
ing and being a member of a local
branch of the Chinese nationalist
society known as the Kuomintang,
and was sentenced to 18 months'
rigorous imprisonment, has had
this sentence confirmed by the
Court of Appeal.

Amongst the passengers who
left by the Blue Funnel steamer
Patroclus on Tuesday were Sir
Edward and Lady Pearce, Sir
Percival Phillips, Mr. and Mrs.
Kilgwin, Mr. and Mrs. G. N.
Orme, Rev. E. K. Quick, Mr. D.
H. Blake, Mr. R. E. A. Webster,
Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Somers Ellis,
Miss Ellis and Mr. J. Barr.

A concert is to be held in St.
Stephen's Girls' College on Sat-
urday December 19th, at 7.30 p.m.
in aid of the Cathedral Organ
Fund and the Mission to Seamen.
An excellent programme has been
arranged by the St. Stephen's
girls and the pupils of Fairlea
School. It is to be hoped that the
efforts of the girls to help others
will be strongly supported.

Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt, a
nephew of the late President
Roosevelt, recently in Singapore,
has been touring Java. He is
connected with the *New York
Times*, and, after ending his study
tour through the Netherlands
Indies, is visiting the Philippine
Islands, to compare the systems
of government, as a basis for
future articles from his pen.

It is with much regret that we
learn of the death of Mr. H. E.
Stearns of the Union Insurance
Society of Canton, Ltd., Mr.
Stearns, who until recently was
Manager of the Society's Branch
at Kobe, had been in poor health
for some time and only recently
passed through here on the Man-
tana on his way home on sick leave.
He was, however, unable to pro-
ceed further than Colombo where
he entered hospital and, following
an operation, he passed away on
the 14th instant.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

JUNK BADLY DAMAGED.

A collision occurred in the har-
bour yesterday, when a fishing
vessel was run into by the steam
launch *Yu Cheong* off the Hung-
gham Ferry Wharf. The junk was
hit on the port side and substan-
tial damage was caused. None
of the crew was hurt, and a
vessel was ultimately brought to
shore for repairs.

In a report to the water police,
the master assessed the damage
to his junk at \$1,000.

THREE BRITISH STATESMEN.



The British Premier and two ex-Premiers are here
seen at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day. Left to
right: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Labour), Mr. Stanley
Baldwin (Conservative) and Lord Oxford (Liberal).

THE WELSH DAM DISASTER.



Picture shows some of the huge boulders brought down
by the floods in the great Welsh dam disaster, when 180-
million gallons of water swept down the mountain-side in
a torrent 50 feet deep.

WELSH SOCIETY.

LAST NIGHT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the
Cymdeithas Dewi Sant, Hongkong,
which is the name of the national
association formed by local Welsh-
men, was held at the offices of
Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and
Masters last evening, under the
chairmanship of Mr. J. Owen
Hughes, the President.

The report of the Committee and
the statement of accounts were
adopted, following which the
officers for the ensuing year were
elected as under:—

President, Mr. J. D. Lewis; Vice
President, Dr. W. Leslie Thomas;
Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Davies, of
the Sanitary Department; Hon.
Treasurer, M. L. E. Hopkins; Com-
mittee, Messrs. D. M. Richards, H.
Owen Hughes, F. P. Williams,
Hugh Jones, A. Morris, E. I.
Wynne-Jones, Capt. R. D. Thomas,
Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mrs.
Chesterton and Miss Buddard
Roberts.

Apart from the routine busi-
ness, the only matter to be con-
sidered by the meeting was the
manner in which St. David's Day
shall be celebrated and the So-
ciety's social activities for the
year. Regarding this, announce-
ments will be later.

The Society extend a very cordial
invitation to Welsh people to
become members.

The report stated that the
Society's membership had increased
from the original 18 to 55 at the
present time. The Committee re-
corded with deep regret the death
during the year of Capt. Woolcott,
one of the founders of the Society.
The financial statement showed a
balance in hand of \$131.55.

FRANCO-GERMAN ATHLETICS.

WAR ANIMOSITY ENDED.

Lausanne, Dec. 16.
A conference of delegates of
French and German athletic
associations has decided that
France and Germany should
immediately resume their pre-
war relations in the domain of
athletics.

The first meeting of French Ger-
man and Swiss athletes will be held
in Switzerland next August, and a
second between French and German
athletes the same month in Paris.
French athletes will visit Germany
in 1928.—*Reuter*.

AMERICA'S LOANS.

FOREIGN OBLIGATIONS CRITICISED.

Washington, Dec. 16.
An unusually acrimonious debate
in the Senate was occasioned by
Republican efforts to deal with the
Halo-Belgian debt settlements be-
fore Christmas. Mr. Reed attack-
ed the British settlement as "white-
washing international bankers to
permit them to make loans to
debtor nations at 6 and 7 per cent."
He asserted that under the Italian
settlement the United States would
not get one per cent. of the principal.

Senator Smoot, however doubted
Italy's ability to pay even the
amount promised.
Several members bitterly criticis-
ed France. Mr. Smoot stated:
"France has bluntly told us she
owes us nothing, but unless she
makes a settlement the franc will
go the way of the mark."

The Republicans were forced to
abandon their efforts to obtain im-
mediate consideration of the agree-
ments.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice*.

SINGAPORE LABOUR. SUPPLY.

DEPLETED BY NAVAL BASE?

London, Dec. 16.
In the House of Commons, re-
plying to Mr. F. G. Penny, who
drew attention to the allegation
that the labour supply in the plan-
tations in the vicinity of the naval
base at Singapore had been greatly
depleted by Government competi-
tion, Mr. J. G. C. Davison stated
that he had been advised from Singa-
pore that the present labour
needs at the base were insufficient
greatly to affect the supply of la-
bour at Singapore, where there was
a big demand at present owing to
the prosperity of the rubber and
tin industries. He added that the
Admiralty officers were co-operat-
ing with the local Government.
He would note the submission that
the most suitable labour for naval
purposes was recruitable from the
northern and not from the south-
ern provinces of India.—*Reuter*.

Falling from a 50 feet high
scaffold at Hillsborough, Shof-
field, Harold Grimston, a brick-
layer, turned a somersault in the
air and landed on his feet. He
was dazed by the fall, but by the
time a doctor arrived he was at
work again on the scaffold.

FRENCH CRISIS.

MUCH POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

Paris, Dec. 16. The Committee of Finance of both Chambers, having confirmed the vote to send back the tax proposals, M. Louchour tendered his resignation. He declared he was ready to effect all the reductions, chiefly military and naval, which would have been indicated by the Committee. After hearing him, the Ministers, M. M. Blum, Landry, Roudoud, and Bokanowski, expressed surprise at such a sudden change. M. Bokanowski made an appeal for union, and set forth, on general lines, a programme of financial restoration with the view of putting a stop to the crisis. The Cabinet examined the situation created by the resignation of M. Louchour, and suggested that M. Doumer should be appointed Minister of Finance. M. Doumer outlined to M. Briand the general lines of his financial programme, and the conversations were continued in the afternoon.

The delegation of Controllers of Direct Taxation was heard by the Fiscal Sub-Committee. The Radical Socialist group declared that the scheduled taxes had reached their limit, but will be able to yield sufficient receipts if the staff of Controllers is increased by 220 assistants with fair salaries.

The Colonial Group of the Chamber, in view of rumours of the cessation of two Colonies, voted in the Orders of the Day as follows:—"Considering that it will be immoral to allow the transfer of populations that contributed largely to the defence of the country and to victory, and considering that the Colonies are asked by the mobilisation of raw materials to take a decisive part in the economical rehabilitation of France, we protest against these suggestions, that wound the loyalty of the Colonial population."—"Indopacif" Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved).

SEIZED GOODS.

WRONGFUL PROCEDURE.

A judgment concerning goods seized for arrears of rent was delivered by Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning. The plaintiff was Li Chok-yuen, and the defendants Lau Han-sang and Cheong Yau-chee, the latter being managing partner of the firm Tung Tai, who claimed for wrongful distress. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the claimant and Mr. R. A. Wadson for the owner of the premises.

For three years, he said, prior to the issue of the warrant, a third floor room at 107, Wing Lok Street, was occupied by a man who was master of a river steamer, and there were also signboards there with the names of the "Tung Tai" and "Yat Wo" firms. At the time of the issue of the warrant, the tenant was two months in arrears of rent. A quantity of goods were seized, and the goods were claimed at the time as belonging to the "Tung Tai" firm. In the Colony, only goods in the apparent possession of the tenant could be seized, and the question to be decided was whether the goods were or were not in the apparent possession of the tenant. In his opinion, there could be no doubt that they were not in the apparent possession of the tenant, and distress had been wrongful.

He ordered that the property seized should be released to the claimant unconditionally; and, further, owing to the irregular way in which the claim had been presented to the Court he ordered that each party should pay their own costs.

U. S. ARMY SCANDAL.

MITCHELL COURT-MARTIAL NEARING END.

Washington, Dec. 16. Both the prosecution and defence have completed their cases in the Court Martial of Mitchell. An important event in the trial was the placing in evidence of a letter written by Mr. Weeks, when Secretary for War to Pres. Coolidge, describing Col. Mitchell, as "unfit for a high administrative position," and as an officer whose course was so "lawless" that, despite an excellent war record, he had forfeited the good opinion of those most familiar with the facts. —"Routledge American Service."

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

R. A. BEAT POLICE.

[BY "WANDERER."]

If only because they were a trifle quicker on the ball and tried the speculative shot at Clark without consideration of range or angle, the Royal Artillery deservedly defeated the Police by the only goal of the First Division match played at Kowloon yesterday. Neither side played well; there was far too much aimless kicking, and the referee appeared to be affected by the general confusion for once in the first half he succeeded in awarding a free-kick for offside from a throw-in. In order that there shall be no accusation of misrepresentation, I would mention that the linesman had signalled for a foul throw. But the fact remains that the throw-in was taken near the grandstand and the free-kick from a point approximately ten yards from the goal-line and ten feet from the touch-line.

The referee was Mr. Smyth and this was not his only error, or it would not have been mentioned. He gave several offside decisions in the course of the afternoon and more often than not he was wrong. Noonan, the Police inside-left, once ran many yards to get to a ball falling in the goalmouth only to be pulled up because when he reached it he was a few feet ahead of both the back and Cornwall, who had centred the ball.

The Royal Artillery played go ahead football and after twenty-five minutes went ahead, Palford scoring with a fast shot from an awkward angle. The Police attack broke down utterly principally because the passes were going in anything but the right direction and the R. A. defenders were being presented, very obligingly, with free kicks.

In the second half with a strong wind in their favour the Police had more of the game but rarely looked like securing the equaliser. At the other end Miles found himself in possession so yards from the goalmouth with Clark somewhere in the vicinity of the eighteen yards line. He could have walked, hooked, blown, back-kicked it into the net but he decided to take a shot and put it outside the post.

Two men played well for the Police, Wynne and Clark; the others probably did their best. Brittain as a centre-forward was an experiment which failed to come off though he put in a good shot in the first half. When he resumed his correct position in the second half he played a far more useful game, while Johns played fairly well both at half-back and forward without doing anything to write home about. Randle did some good things at left-half but spoilt much of his work by fooling around with the ball. Oram would be a clever player if he could but recovered rapidly.

On the Artillery side Trib, Reade, Rachel and Palford were outstanding.

The ball might have been the malformation of a rugby sphere. It was impossible to judge just how it would bounce and its use in a League match should not have been permitted.

England's team for the International Charity Cup game with China has been selected as follows: Wavish (Tamar); Wheeler (Kowloon) and Wynne (Police); Mitchell (Surreys); Sims (Kowloon); and Watson (Club); Charlesworth (Surreys); Mason (Kowloon); Humberstone (Surreys); Butler (Surreys); and Mackleworth (Surreys). Since there are six or seven probable interporters in the team they should manage to defeat South China, and, in fact, should be capable of winning the competition. The match is to be played on Christmas Morning.

FRENCH TRADE.

THE LATEST FIGURES.

Paris, Dec. 16. The French imports during the first 11 months of the year reached 38 milliards 500, an increase of two milliards 500 over the corresponding period of 1924. The exports reached 40 milliards 800, an increase of three milliards 500 over the corresponding period of 1924. —"Indopacif" Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved).

PLOT VICTIM.



Herr Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, the intended victim of an assassination plot which the Berlin police have just discovered.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

THREE CASES YESTERDAY.

A car driven by a Chinese chauffeur knocked down an Indian pedestrian opposite the Sikh Temple, in Morrison Hill Gap Road, yesterday. This is what the driver says in a subsequent report to the traffic department:—"The Indian did not appear to be injured, as he got up and walked off without complaining."

A public ricksha had its two wheels smashed through being run into by a motor lorry at the junction of Wing Lok Street and Des Vaux Road yesterday. The coolie escaped injuries.

A Chinese woman was injured through being knocked down in Des Vaux Road near the Western Market yesterday. She was hit by the front mudguard, and, sustaining injuries to her head, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. It was not found necessary to detain her after her injuries had been dressed.

THE SALT INDUSTRY.

CONTROL OF KWANGSI TRADE.

In view of the fact that the sale of salt has been placed under Government control, in the same way as kerosene oil, the salt merchants have suspended the transportation of salt on the upper reaches of the West River. Salt is now being transported from Hainan Island through Linchow and Yumchow to Kwangsi. This has led to the issuing of a public notice prohibiting entry into Kwangsi, across the boundary line, under heavy penalty. This would be the legitimate channel for the trade between Kwangtung and Kwangsi, because the largest salt producing centre is the island of Hainan, which is nearer to Kwangsi, and its quality of salt is superior to that of other producing districts.

By the present action of the Kwangsi Government, it would seem that the salt will be eventually diverted to the southern route. The salt industry and trade have for ages been under Government control and monopoly. Consequently all salt is transported from the producing districts under a special pass, known as "Salt Hu-shao," to Canton it is weighed and duty paid according to tariff. The salt is then released for sale to the public. After the revolution, the Government control of the salt industry, and the monopoly in its sale, were done away with, but the long-established procedure of obtaining special passes to convey the salt to Canton for payment of duties still exists, although salt revenue-collecting depots have been established at the different centres of production by the District Salt Inspectorate. There will, therefore, be no difficulty to overcome in utilising this shorter and more direct route to Kwangsi.

In accordance with the decision of the Fascist authorities at Rome, it is understood that the Italian Colony in Bombay have formed a centre, the first in India. Messrs. Brunelli, Mongini and Scrimzi were elected directors of the centre.

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CHINA'S CIVIL WAR.

THE PITY OF IT ALL.

There never was a time within our memory when the Chinese people were so much in need of sympathy as they are at the present moment. We cannot be accused of being sentimentally tender towards the Chinese soldier and yet when we read that General Kuo Sungling's army are scantily clothed and find difficulty in advancing during this bitterly cold spell we cannot help pitying them. Situated, as we are, in Shanghai where we have all the conveniences of civilization to mitigate the north-east wind of winter, we yet dislike the cold blasts we have been having these last few days. But when we visualize the armies fighting on the plains north of the Great Wall and think of the hapless lot of the wounded lying on the frozen ground, Sherman's oft repeated adjuration "War is hell" leaps to the mind.

The civilian population is almost as much to be pitied as the soldiers. We know that numbers of coolies were seized by the press gangs here, roped together like cattle and sent off to be hewers of wood and drawers of water to the fighting men. Many of them will never return and their fate will remain a matter for direful conjecture. Wherever the armies pass they leave a long trail of misery in their wake. The farmer's crops are trodden down; his scanty store of food is eaten up by the hungry men, his cattle are commandeered for transport and the other evils that may happen to his family are better left unsaid.

WAKE OF THE ARMIES.

A quotation from an up-country station may help us to realize a little more fully the calamities that fall on those who have the misfortune to live in or near the theatre of war:

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FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

TSARIST DEBT QUESTION.

Paris, Dec. 16. M. Chicherin received the members of the Press here and declared his extreme satisfaction with the conversation with French officials regarding the relations of the Soviet with foreigners. The programme for the next negotiations is not yet definitely settled. He foresees, for the settlement of the debts of the Tsarist regime, the guarantee of certain concessions in exchange for credits. He confirmed his negative attitude towards the League of Nations concerning Locarno and declared that the future will show the reality of the pacific attitude attributed to the agreements by the signatories.

President Doumergue, later received M. Chicherin, who was presented by M. Rokowski. —"Indopacif" Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved).

that Chunchow was looted on the 23rd instant. Mr. B—was captured and was a whole day in the hands of the bandits. The yamen has been burned and many of the shops. All the animals in the city were carried off. They have taken many captives and are holding them for ransom. The riffling of the city followed the brigands and did more harm than the ruffians themselves. Pastor Liu was carried off a short time since and was ransomed for \$270. The city wall is manned every night and the men are doing their best to keep the robbers out. I hope they will be successful but it is trying to be so helpless with those wicked men prowling around."

This gives us a picture of life in an interior city, not actually in the seat of war, but in the wake of an army that has passed by and unloosed the bonds of law and order. —North China Daily News.

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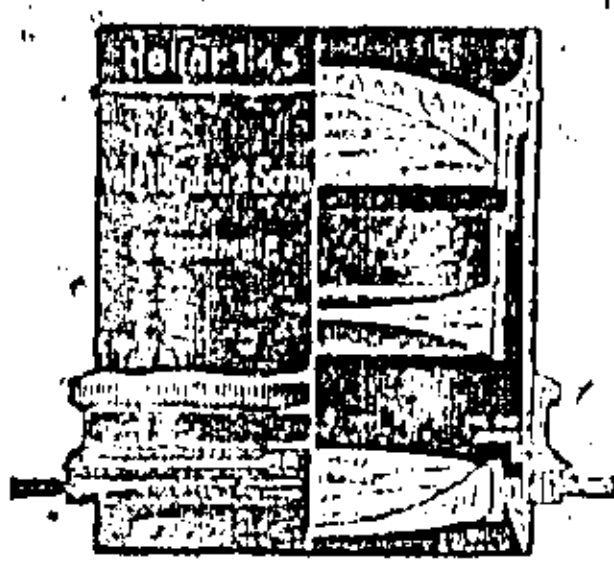
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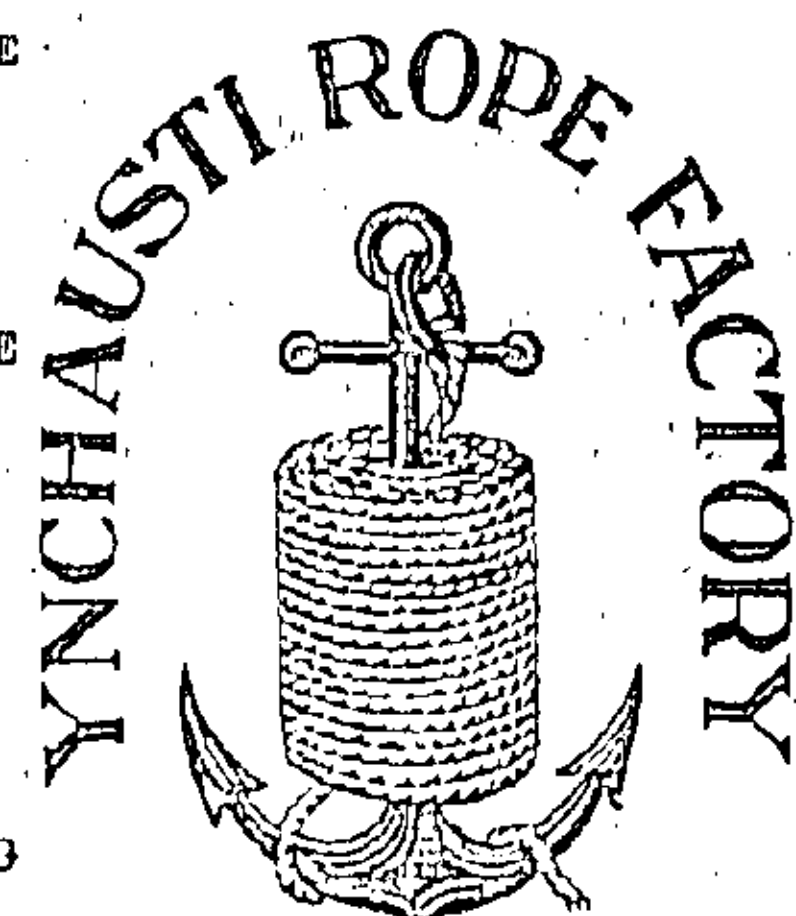
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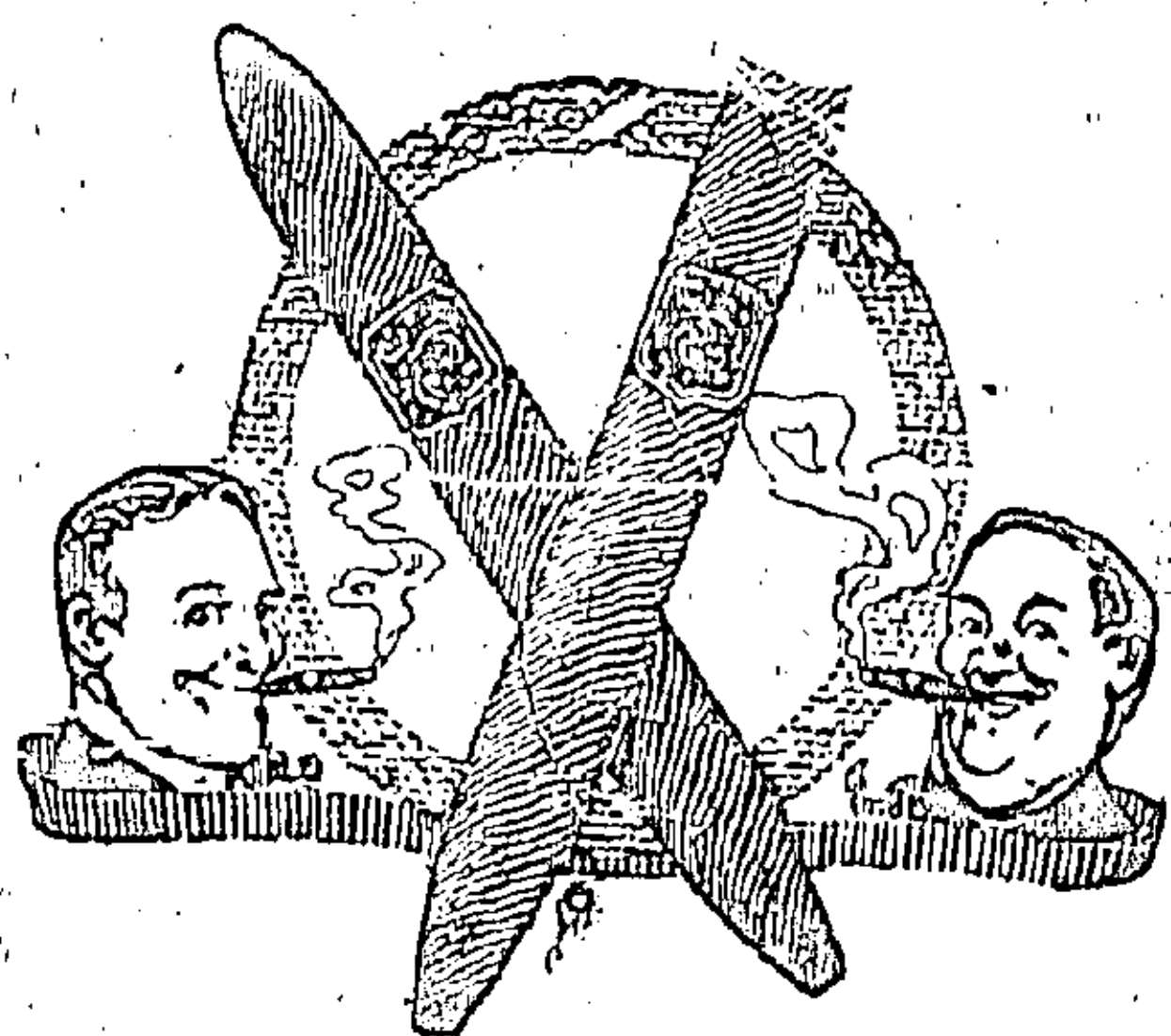
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DELL'ESEDRA.

ROME'S ATTRACTIONS.

One of the comparatively popular and well-written histories of Rome appends a bibliography of historical works by thirty-eight different authors. This reference list mentions such standard volumes as Gregorovius, Mommsen, Gibbon, Milman, along with Zola and Benvenuto Cellini. It does not attempt to present the long list of classical writers, such as Sallust and Livy, and it avoids reference to ecclesiastical offerings which might plunge the student into a lifetime of Latin manuscript research.

The volumes of historical works on Rome in English, French, Italian and German would almost fill an average-size Carnegie library in America. The standard works more or less corroborate each other, and the lesser volumes are generally condensed rewrites of the others, although the subject of Rome is exhaustless. And it is because the epic drama of Rome is staged over such a period of the earth's time, with such properties and such characters, that the visitor feels a sense of bewilderment and forthwith rushes into a book store.

To any visitor who would seek the truth, in defiance to the natural prejudice and superstition and obvious falsehood of historical dreamers, the history of Rome becomes a mania. And when this dignified Roman chronicle, which might read honestly enough, comes in contact with conflicting authorities, it is apparent that some historian along the line, pagan or Christian, has not been telling the truth. And so the reader had best stick to Gibbon, to the German Gregorovius, to Livy, who wrote as if he had access to the leading Government newspapers of antiquity, if there had been newspapers, to Tacitus and Plutarch and Suetonius. It might be a good idea for some fearless, muckraking scholar to write a history of the historians themselves, giving all the palace scandal.

The Piazza dell'Esedra in Rome is most likely to evoke just such historical turmoil in the mind of the new arrival, because the piazza is the first monumental spot one sees from the railroad station. With a guide book in hand, or with a map history of Rome, one might stand in the centre of this rather beautiful place and fade into a sort of crystal-gazing attitude and watch the centuries parade by. And they would parade by in the utmost confusion. This Piazza dell'Esedra is one of the most interesting, one of the most imposing, one of the most important, and one of the most modern of the great open spaces of Rome. It is the foreigner's introduction to Rome, after the complicated railroad station barrier has been accomplished. The piazza in front of the railroad station is really a part of this leading piazza because the whole area about the high and central portion of Rome belongs properly to the spacious Baths of Diocletian. And so the piazza is also called the Piazza delle Terme, after the thermal station which the plebian emperor gave to the people. The word Esedra presumably comes from the Latin esedra, which described the great semicircular apse that was in front of this side of Diocletian's bath.

The high Roman brick walls, rising in majestic arches and broken domes, stand firm above the clatter and noise of the piazza, and the esedra, or semi-circle, is preserved nobly in the identical dimensions, except that the curved sides framing this piazza are formed by two arcs of modern travertine buildings, with high arcades along the street level, where the populace amuses itself in cafes, restaurants, bars, shops and motion-picture theatres.

Running off this piazza, perpendicular to the ruins of the baths, splitting the semicircle in two, is the Via Nazionale, which cuts a sheer line into the heart of Rome to the centre of the old town, the Piazza Venezia, over which presides in towering whiteness the marble monument to Victor Emmanuel, and where begins the old narrow Corso Umberto, with its balconies, its palaces, cafes, tablets, stores and banks.

The Piazza dell'Esedra is a good ample piazza from which to start one's ramble about Rome, and it is wide and airy enough to permit an exasperated traveller to collect his historic thoughts and decide whether he will run wild with a guidebook or first read a short, comprehensive, ungarished tale of Rome and organize his own

expedition. A few minutes of contemplation is advisable, unless the traveller is rushing through like Alaric, bent on sacking Rome in three days.

But for the average tourist contemplation is perhaps more profitable than crowded stupefaction, that guide-book blindness to the essential beauties of Rome. It is important to see St. Peter's, the Vatican, the Coliseum, the old Forum, the sunset from the Pincian Hill Terrace, the four main basilicas, the Palatine Hill, the Capitol Museum and the National Museum, which is in the baths of Diocletian. Many other points like Hadrian's Tomb and the obelisks may be seen en route.

But by all means, when dates and emperors and popes begin to swim hazily about in the overworked memory, take a little blue cloth-covered table under the arcade of the Piazza dell'Esedra, order ice cream, vermouth or orangeade, or even a whisky and soda, and reflect on the beauty of the piazza. It is cool in the great arched arcade, and if the piazza is hot there is a splendid sportive fountain in the middle of the broad stony piazza—the fountain of the naiads, and the last papal gift to Rome before 1870 and the retirement to the Vatican.

The sculpto Rutelli has done much to compensate Rome for the loss of the Diocletian baths. Here is a real fountain, with indolent, frolicsome naiads, with seahorses, dolphins and a great uppour of kicking, splashing water. It is cool to look at; it seems to be fed by an ocean pressing upward underneath the main jet, instead of by the springs of Quintus Marcus Rex, which the guidebook says are thirty-six miles away, at Tivoli. It is the finest fountain in Rome, because its whole idea is one of rioting, reveling abundance. Its joyous naiads have been sternly criticized for their indecorous attitudes. Those are the kind of critics who would go across the piazza into the National Museum, just inside the ruins of the Diocletian baths, and have a cast-iron bathrobe fitted over the Greek master-piece worshipped by sculptors as the Venus of Cirene.

MAN AT HIS BEST.

WHAT IS BEST AGE?

There was much talk during the Great War of the necessity of clearing out the old men, and giving the young men a chance to show what they could do in positions of responsibility, writes Mr. C. Boyd Bowman. And in fact, many brilliant young men did distinguish themselves in ways which were opened to them by reason of this outcry against the alleged inefficiency of age. But a sober, scientific examination of the facts of history does not show that the young man is man at his best. That must be a truth exceedingly annoying to the "League of Youth" and kindred organizations which have for their object the spread of the dominion of youth, but it is nevertheless abundantly proved. There are of course many instances of extraordinary young people who attain to prodigious wisdom and to marvellous accomplishments at a very tender age. Such phenomena are known as infant prodigies. And there are a still larger number of examples of men whose supreme work was performed in early manhood. The Macedonian conqueror won his vast empire in the dozen years between 21 and 33, for Alexander was only 33 when he died of that fever in Babylon. In another world Kents won immortal fame before his death at 26.

Despised Middle Age.

But as a matter of hard fact it is the middle years of a man's life that see his powers at their zenith. And, furthermore, it is far more frequent for a man to be at the height of his powers when he is old than when he is young. Too old at forty may be a popular cry, but like many another age-old maxim it has only a mythological foundation. After forty the intellect is not ripe for decay, but in most cases is ripe for further development. Forty is not the beginning of the decline of mental powers, but the herald of years which mellowed by

experience, are usually those of the greatest intellectual output. Neither is man at forty so inflexible as to make him unsuited for marriage, despite the popular theory.

The Achievements of "Old Men." Macaulay once said that "of all good books now extant in the world, more than nineteen-twentieths were published after the writers had attained the age of forty." Even among the poets, who frequently show a surprising early development of their powers, there are interesting examples of the pinnacle of their genius being reached well after forty. Milton did not complete his "Paradise Lost" until he was fifty-seven. Pope wrote the "Essay of Man" when he was forty-five; Cowper his "Task" at forty-nine, Wordsworth "The Excursion" at forty-four. Virgil died when fifty-one leaving the "Aeneid" unfinished; Dante's "Divine Comedy" was only written when he was nearly fifty.

And so one might go on, proving in incontrovertible fashion that the "old men" are the greatest creators of mankind. However, it is not only in literature, as might be supposed, that this is true. The famous Cromwell had no experience whatever of fighting until he was forty. At fifty he was the most renowned general in Europe; at fifty-four, in the position of Lord Protector, he was the virtual dictator of England. Handel was no exceptional musician until he was over forty, and not until he was fifty-seven did he perform his "tour de force" of writing The Messiah in three weeks.

An 'old boy' is not necessary in his second childhood. In fact, so long as he remains a 'boy,' he will, like a boy, always be growing up, but never growing really old.

No, senile decay does not begin at forty, nor even sixty!

FASCIST OUTRAGE.

JUGO-SLAVS. SUSPICIOUS.

Belgrade, Nov. 9.—The Fascist outrage against the offices of the Slovenian newspaper, Edinost, in Trieste, which was demolished and burned by Italian Fascists Friday, created intense bitterness and disquietude throughout Jugo Slavia.

Foreign Minister Nincich had a hard time trying to assure deputies of the opposition parties that he would be in a position to give a reassuring answer on the outrages. He had to admit, however, there had been a Fascist demonstration against the Jugo Slav Consulate in Trieste, as well as the newspaper.

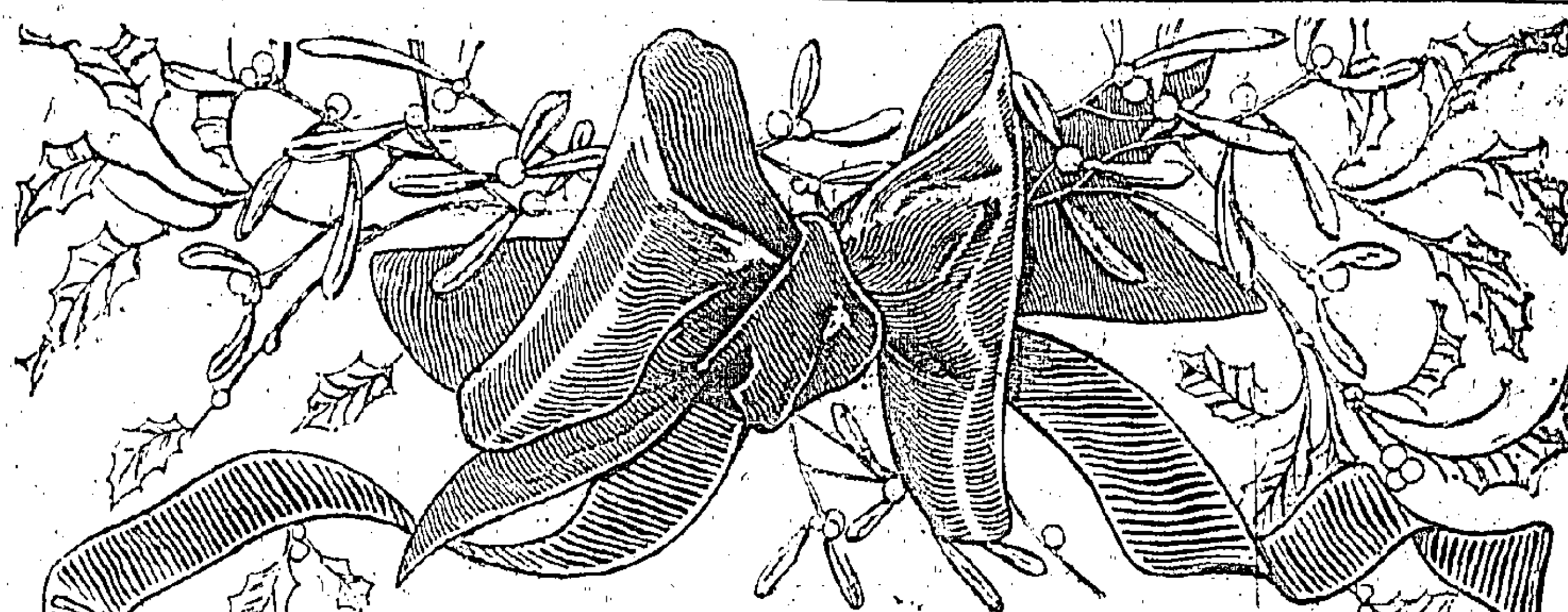
A crowd of angry Serbs started a demonstration against the Italian Consulate in Ljubljana but was dispersed by the police.

Behind the Trieste episode is seen a growing desire of Italy to get involved with Jugo Slavia in some way which would justify military seizure of the Dalmatian coast, an impression that has been heightened by Premier Mussolini's rattling of the saber in his recent utterances.

Jugo Slavia and Italy have signed a friendship treaty, but this has failed to quiet Jugo Slavian suspicion that the Italians are getting ready to invade Dalmatia at the first suitable moment. It is even suggested that Italy encouraged the Greeks to invade Bulgaria, in the hope it would lead to Jugo Slavian interference, which then would be used as a pretext for the seizure of Dalmatia.

Belgrade officialdom is keeping cool and the Foreign Office is busy explaining that the Fascist attacks in Trieste are no new phenomenon and that they never before involved the Governments in quarrels.

Unofficially it can be said that the Government is extremely nervous over signs pointing to preparations by Italy for a new demonstration of power.



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Miss Violet Vanbrugh, the actress, offers some useful advice to the modern girl in her charming little autobiographical volume, "Dare To Be Wise," published recently (Hodder and Stoughton).

"The standard of manners to-day has changed," she writes, "greatly owing to the differed relationship that has been established between the sexes, but it is up to the girls to see that this standard does not fall too low."

"We cannot expect good manners from men if our manners to them are rough or too free and easy. The initiative comes from the woman, and only an extremely insensitive or unobtrusive man will fail to take his cue from the women."

"Ill-mannered, ungracious people, be they shop-girls, telephone operators or duchesses, are very foolish people—foolish in their own interests; for moments come in the lives of every one of us, no matter how self-reliant we may be, when we need the outstretched hand."

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The colour and pliability of the horn lend themselves admirably to the fascinating variety and to the Oriental richness of many of the designs. The lotus figures in some of the loveliest specimens. Flowers, buds, leaves and stems are exquisitely developed, the petals often forming the curved upper edges of the smaller blossoms and twined foliage open-work lower part of the cup. There is a delicacy about these flowered bowls and stems that resembles the waxy beauty of the lotus bloom itself.

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It is interesting to note that in spite of the extensive use of this horn the rhinoceros is not a native of China. In Marco Polo's travels mention is made of the rhinoceros horns among the articles which were brought as tribute to Kubla Khan. Horns of the one-horned variety from India and Java and of the two-horned variety from Sumatra, Borneo and the Malay Peninsula are used for the libation cups. The Dalai Lamas of Tibet sent rhinoceros horn with coral, pearls, amber and precious stones as tribute to the Chinese rulers.

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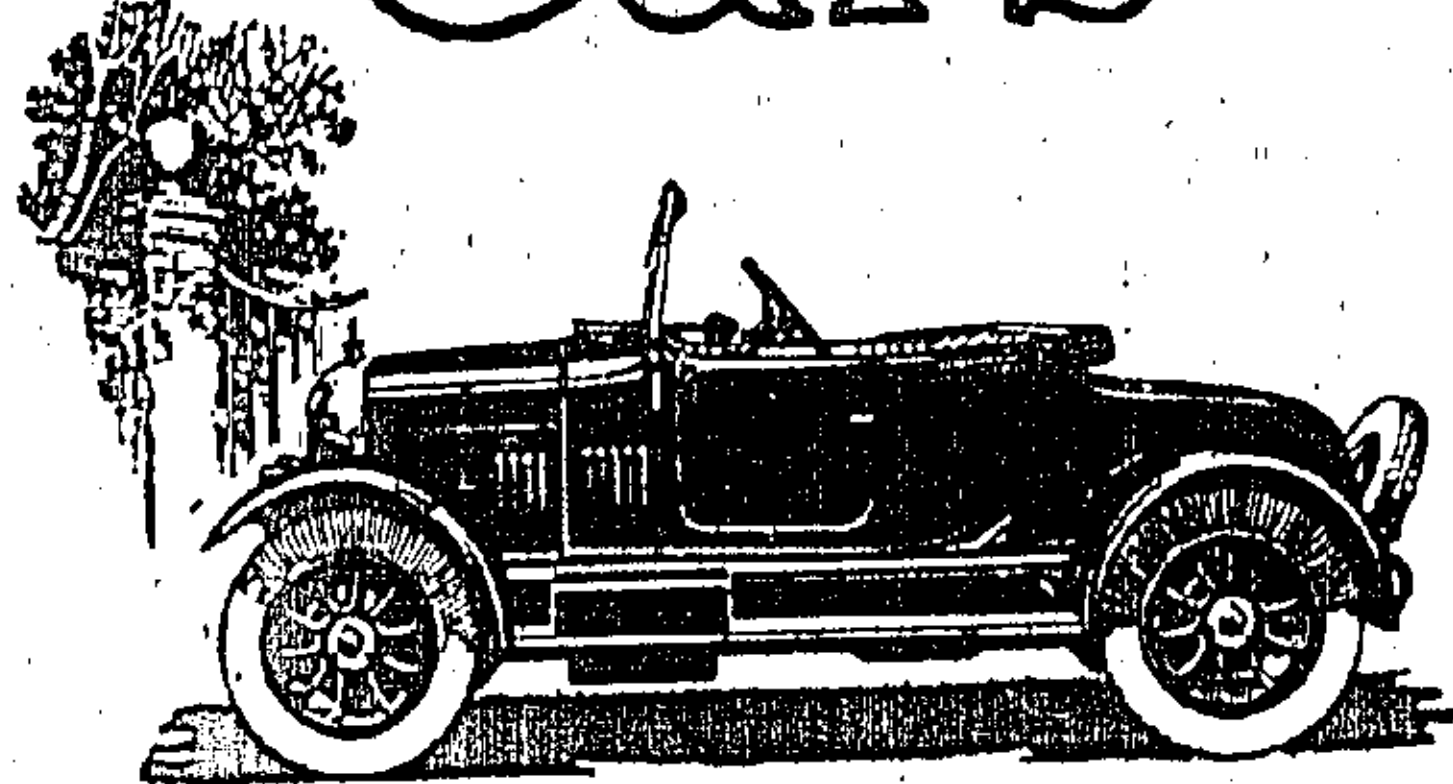
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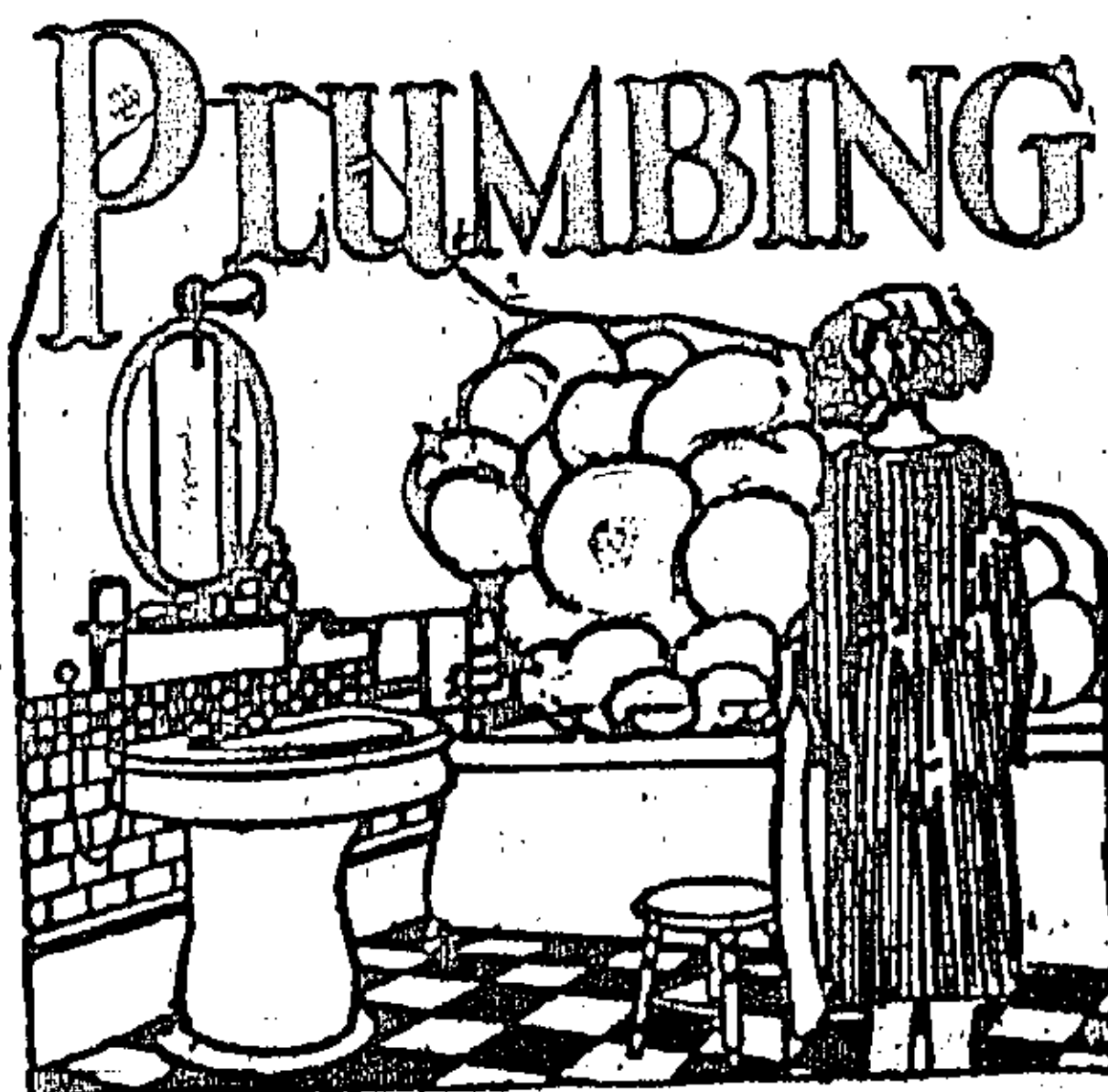
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ATLANTIC BRIDGE.

JUNCTION OF AMERICA AND SCOTLAND.

A theory that America and Scotland were once joined together by a bridge of land is advanced by three American scientists who have just returned from a geological survey of the coasts of northern Europe.

Drs E. O. Ulrich, C. E. Resser and R. M. Field made the survey. They came to the conclusion they did because a sharp difference was found between the fossils of ancient marine animals found on the Scottish coast and those found on the coasts of England and central Europe.

Differences are also found in the fossils found on the north-eastern coast of Newfoundland and the southeastern coast of Newfoundland. But the surprising discovery made by the American scientists was that the fossils found on the Scottish coast and those found on the northeastern Newfoundland coasts were identical.

Their conclusion, therefore was that a land bridge stretched from Scotland to Newfoundland, making it possible for marine life to spread from the one country to the other, north of the land bridge, but making it impossible for these creatures to get to the south at either the American or European end of the bridge.

GEOLOGICAL DOUBT.
It remains to be seen how geologists in general will regard this new theory. It has been accepted as a fact for a long time by most geologists that America and Asia were once joined by a land bridge where the Behring Straits flow between Siberia and Alaska. This, however, is a very narrow body of water and not a part of the great ocean.

Most geologists are inclined to believe that the general distributions of land and ocean were always approximately as they are now though at times large portions of land sunk below sea-level and were flooded with shallow bodies of water flowing in from the oceans.

The theory of a land bridge between Scotland and Newfoundland, it would seem, runs counter to this belief.

There is a theory, however, which has been advanced by some European geologists which would tend to fit in with the land-bridge theory. It is one, though, which American geologists have regarded with little enthusiasm.

This is the theory that the continents have not been stationary upon the surface of the earth but that they constitute super-structures which have moved or slipped along the lower rock structure.

It is possible, upon the basis of this theory, that Newfoundland and Scotland may have been much closer to each other at one time than they are now.

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Insulin, when first discovered, was regarded merely as a treatment and not as a cure for diabetes. That is, it was supposed that the patient would have to continue indefinitely upon an insulin treatment.

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But Dr. F. G. Banting of Toronto, one of the discoverers of insulin, announces now that he believes insulin may also act as a cure.

He says that recent investigations seem to show that as a result of the insulin treatment, the pancreas of diabetes sufferers seem to undergo a regeneration and begin to function again.

In a number of cases which were not very severe, it has been possible to discontinue the insulin treatment, he says.

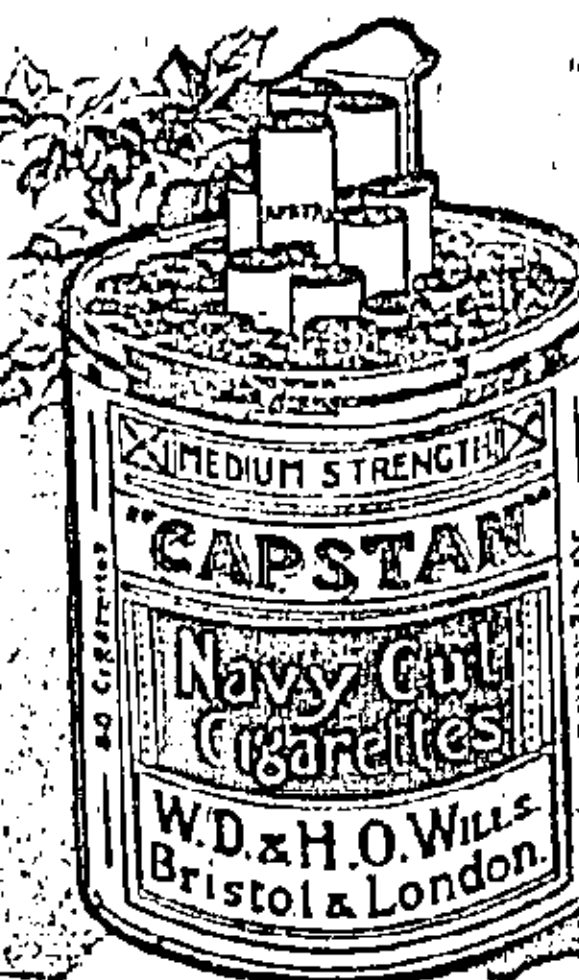
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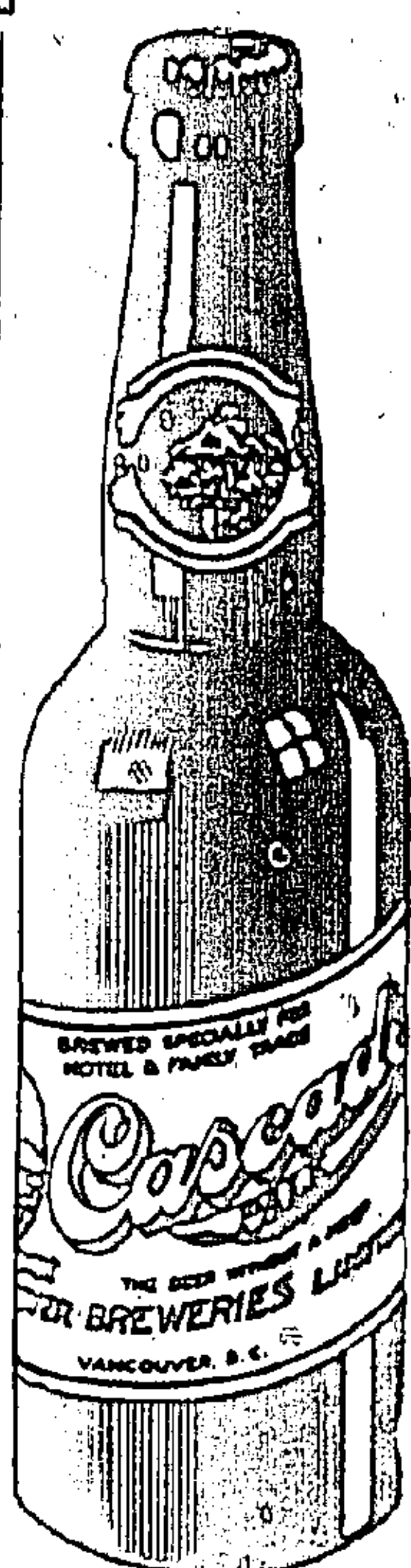
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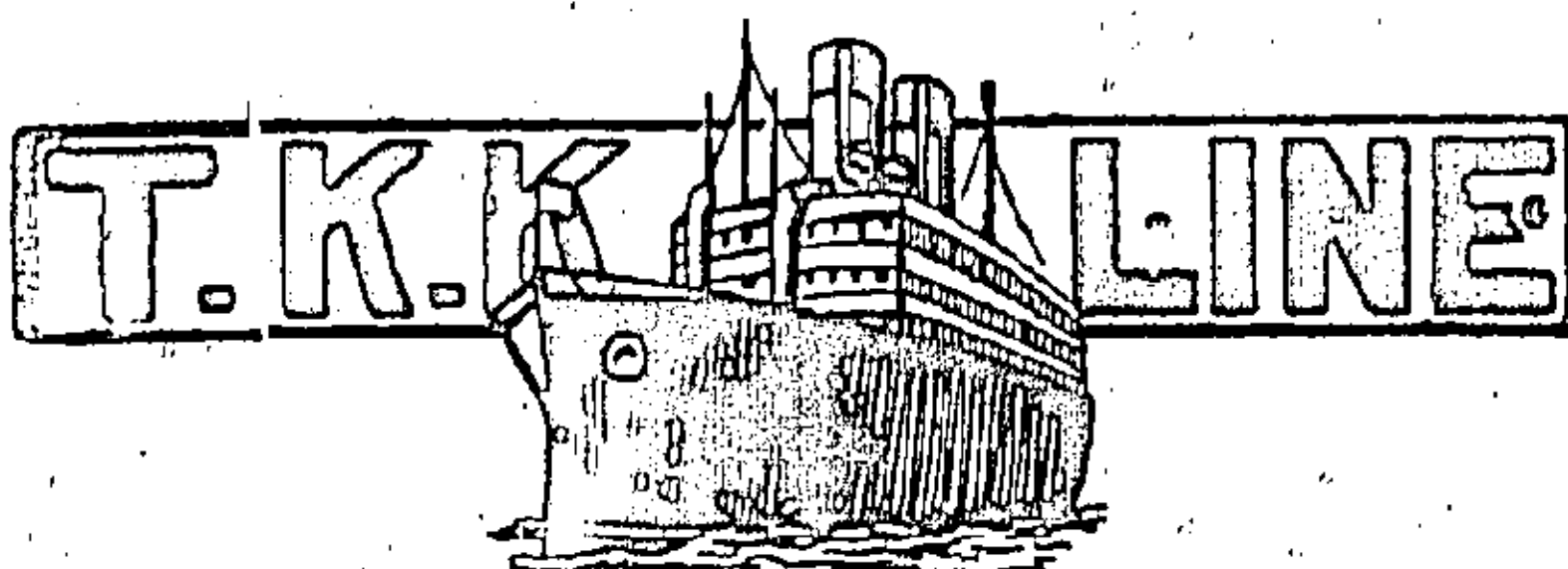
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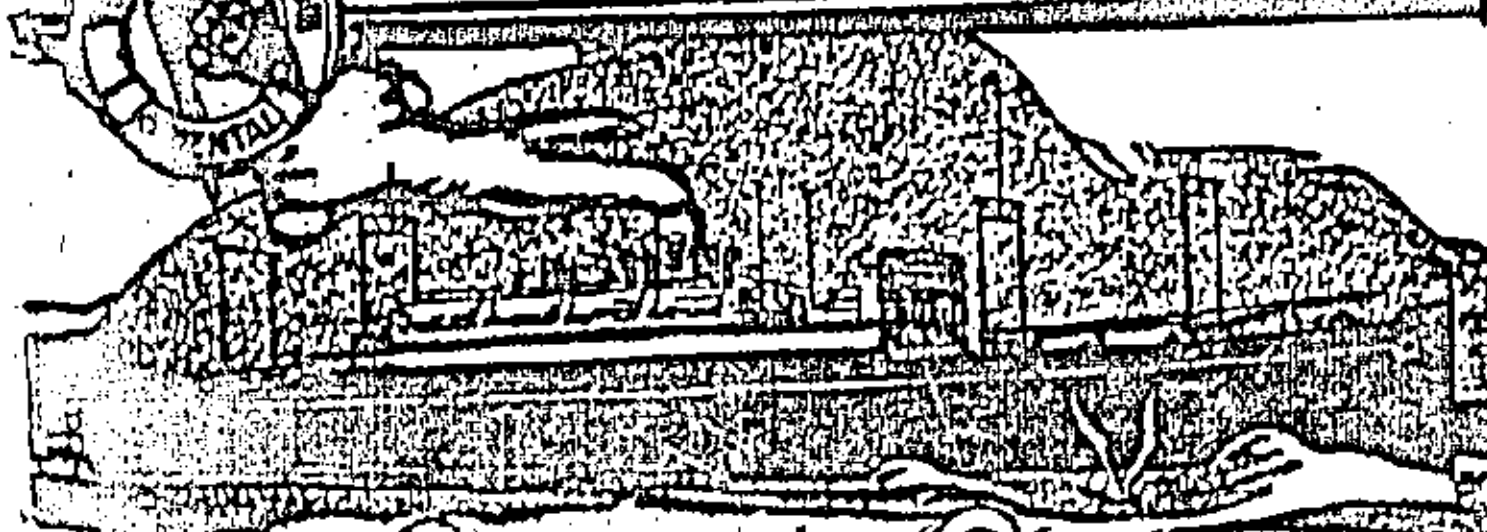
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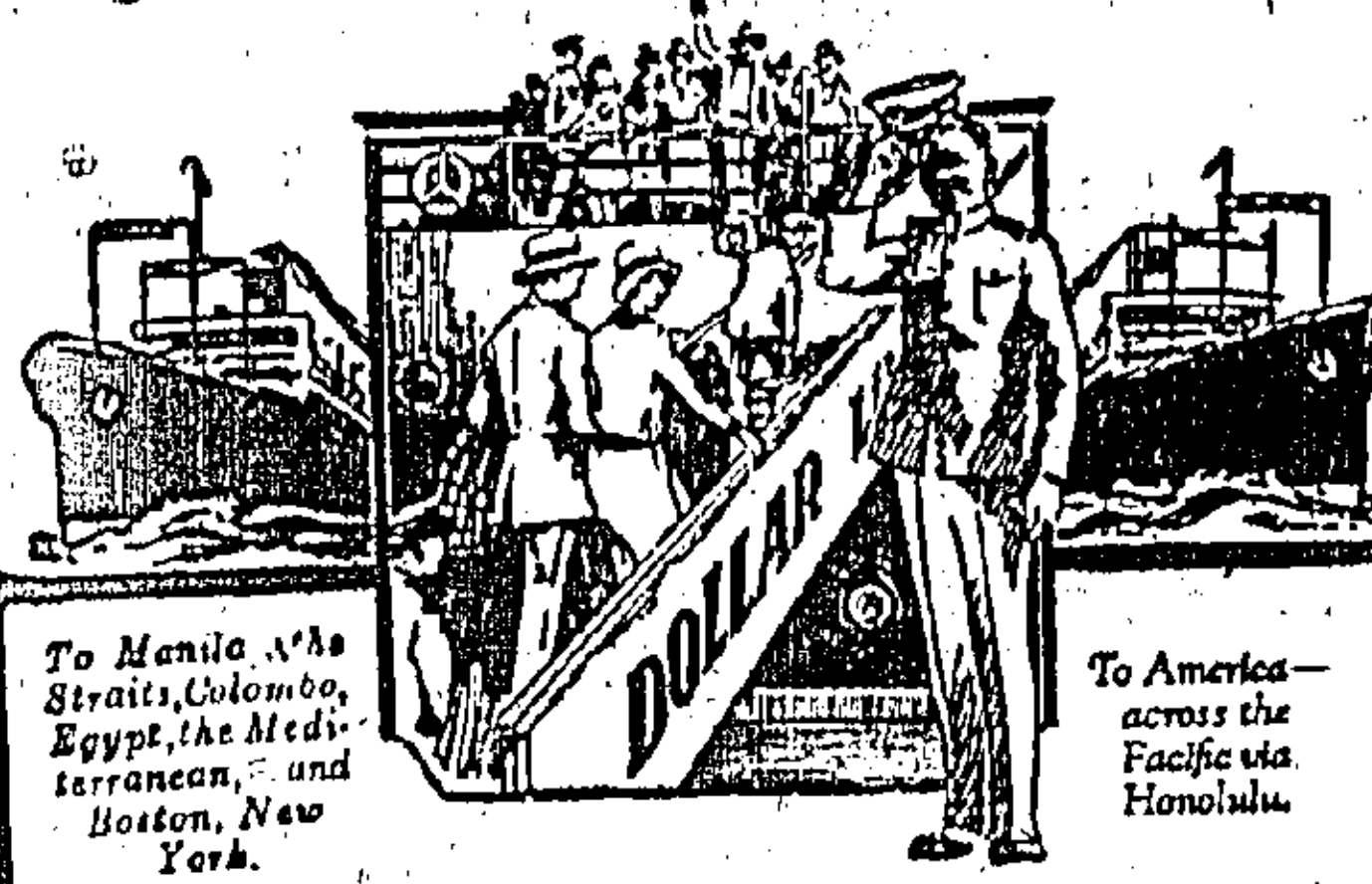
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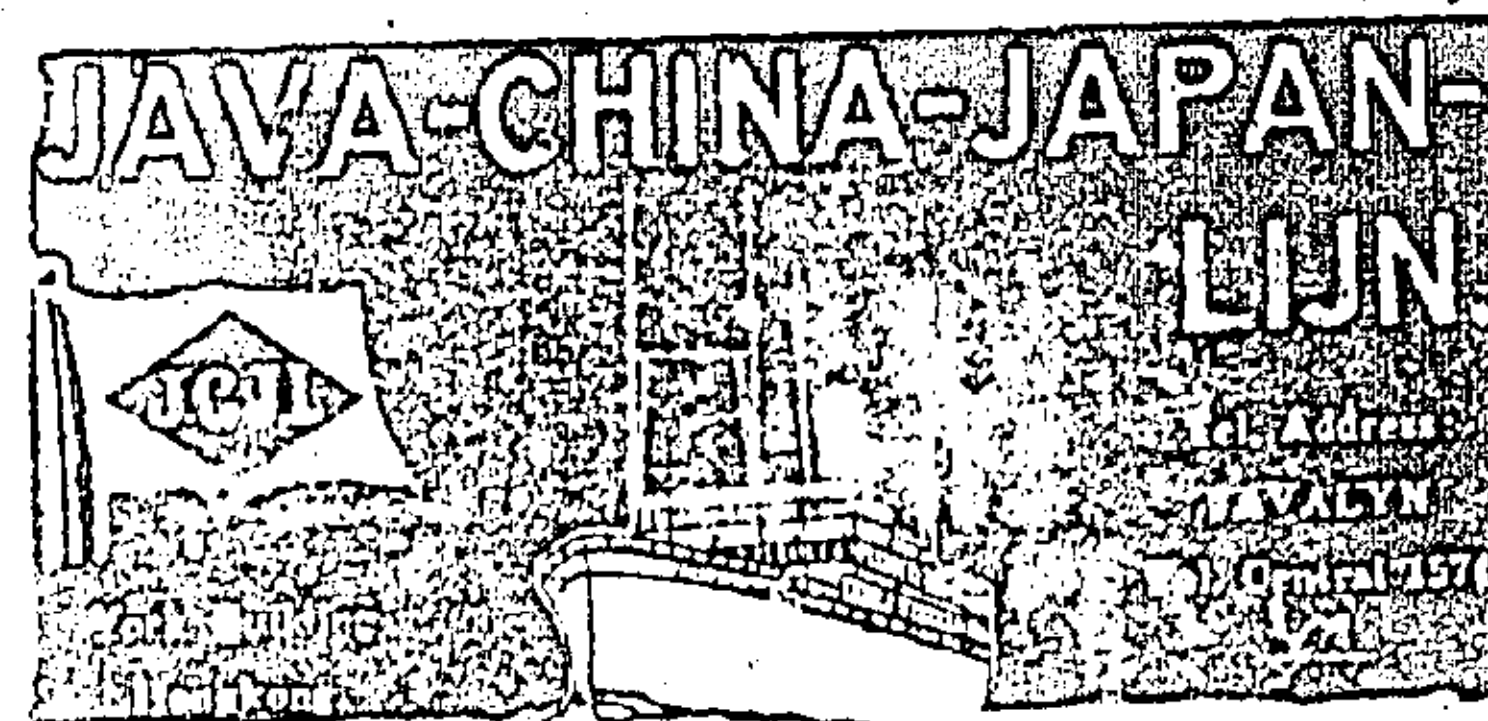
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Tjkarang	Batavia	21st Dec.	29th Dec.	Shanghai
Tjibini	M'kar	28th Dec.	30th Dec.	Japan
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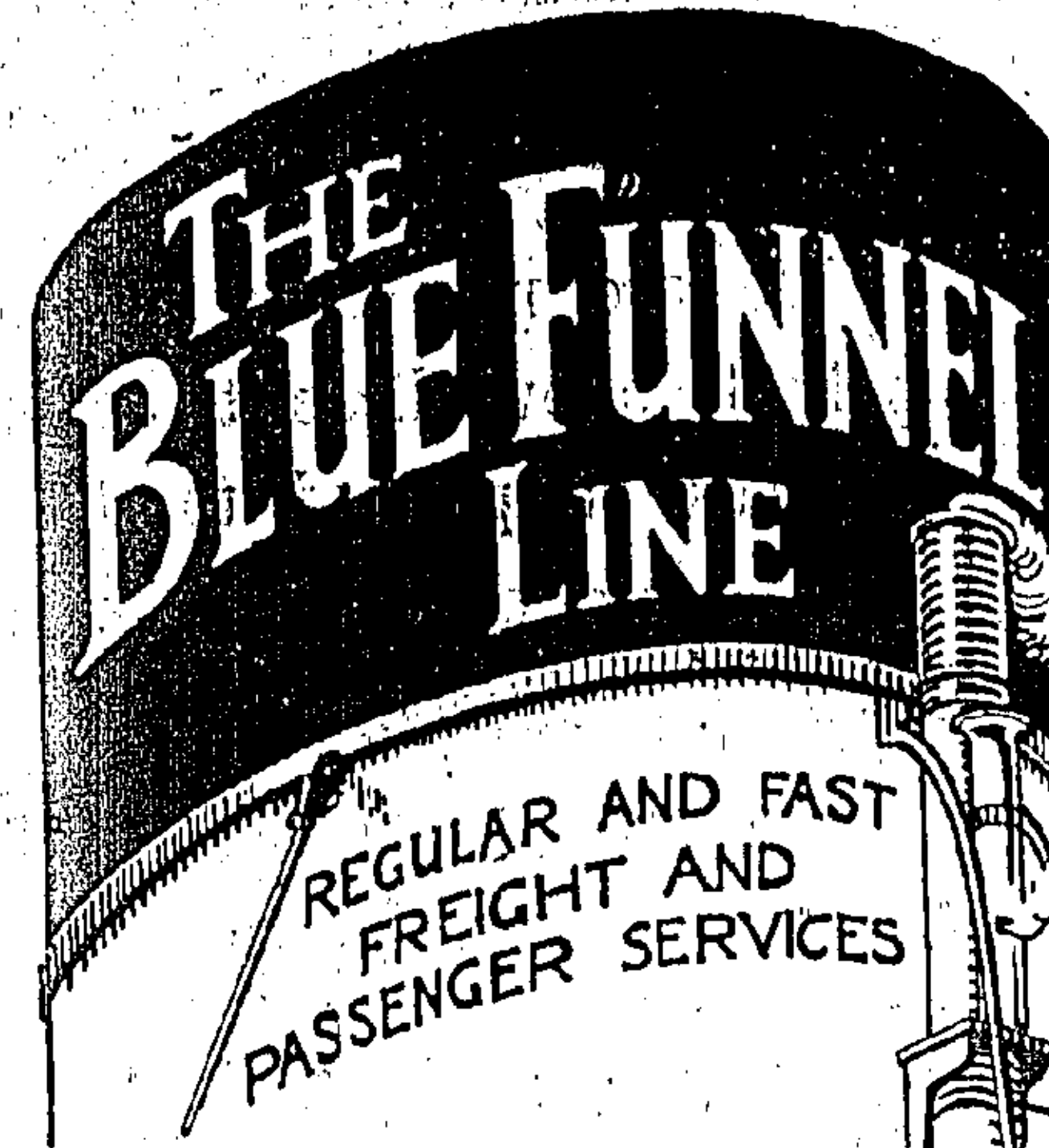
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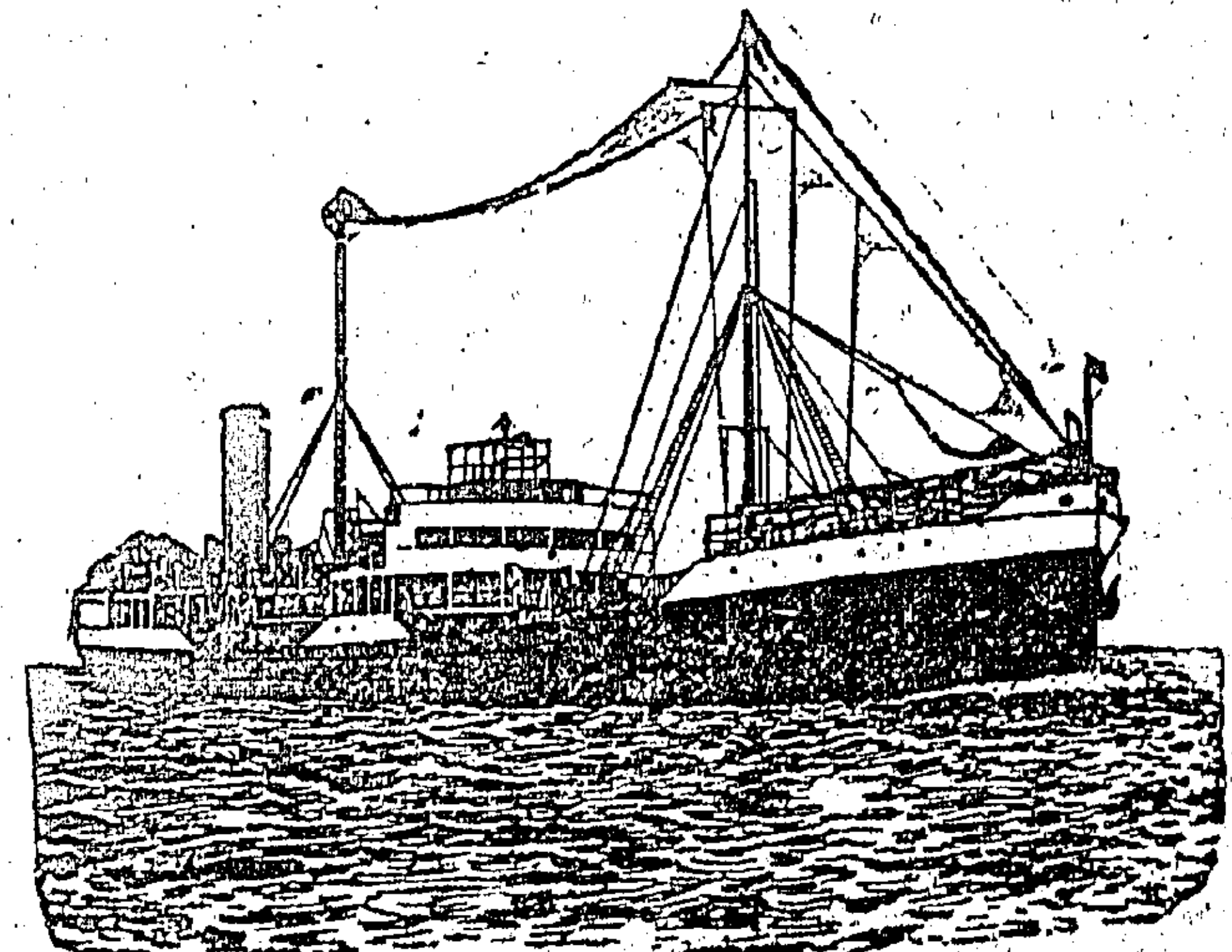
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KHYBER	9,114	23rd Jan.	M's, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, P'ang, Obo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KARMA	9,128	20th Feb.	M's, London & Antwerp
MARTIA	10,902	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	8,985	13th March	M's, London & Antwerp
KHYBER	9,135	20th March	M's, L'don & Antwerp
MORBA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M's, L'don & Antwerp
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GLENOLLE	3rd Feb.	1' don, O'ham & H'burg via Oran	
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General Post Office hours at Radio Counter, Main Hall, at all other times
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and Des Voeux Road to the Radio Office on the 3rd floor of the building.
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by ringing the night-bell.

Radio Traffic with Canton is suspended until further notice.
Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
Messages in Code must have name of Code used included in text.
The parcel post service to Canton is resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Haruna Maru	December 18
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 18
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Chin Kiang	December 19
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers London, 19th November)	Takada	December 20
Australia and Manila	Changsha	December 22
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-	Pres. Van Buren	December 21
hai	Tango Maru	December 22
Japan	Pres. McKinley	December 22
Manila	Emp. of Canada	December 23
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shang-	Pres. Wilson	December 24
hai	Pres. Jefferson	December 25
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shang-	Kashima Maru	December 28
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Japan and Victoria, B.C.	Iyo Maru	Thurs., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C. 13th Jan., 1926)	
Tauwin	Namwah	Thurs., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
For Bayard	Jade	Thurs., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Huihong	Tauwin	Fri., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Hoiho	Fukhoi	Fri., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Dec. 18, 3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada,
U.S.A., C. and S. America and
Europe via San Francisco and
Europe via Siberia (Letters and
postcards specially "superimposed
"via Siberia" only)

Pres. Taft Sat., Dec. 19,
Parcels Noon.
Registration 2.45 p.m.
Letters 3.30 p.m.
(Due San Francisco, 13th Jan., 1926).

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E.
and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe
via Marseilles Sat., Dec. 19,
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

Since the opening of navigation
last April 1,094 trans-Atlantic
and coasting vessels have entered
the port of Montreal, as compared
with 1,086 last year. The amount
of tonnage represented by these
vessels is 4,600,287 this year, as
against 3,662,210 last year for the
same period. There is a very
noticeable increase in the number
of trans-Atlantic vessels entering
the port, while there has been a
decrease in the number of coast-
ing ships.

While a farmer, M. Bousquet,
was superintending operations at
a sawmill, near Ribera, where
some of his trees were being con-
verted into planks, a cow tethered
in the yard caught its foot in its
chain, states a Paris message. M.
Bousquet stooped to free the ani-
mal, which, however, butted him
violently, tossing him a distance
of nine feet, where he fell beneath
the circular saw. Before the saw
could be stopped he was cut com-
pletely in two.

LAWN BOWLS.

INTERESTING MATCH FOR
SATURDAY.

Considerable interest is being
taken in a lawn bowls match which
is to be played on Saturday on the
Kowloon Green Club's ground be-
tween the Club and bowling mem-
bers of the Scottish Company of
the Defence Corps. There will be
six rinks aside, and play will start
at 2.30 p.m. This will be the second
occasion on which a fixture be-
tween these sides has been held.
The Scottish Company's rinks will
be as follows:

Messrs. G. M. Shaw (skip),
R. M. Dyer, J. Reid and J. B. Ross.
Messrs. C. Morrison (skip), P.
Stewart, Major Black and H. E. D.
Adams.
Messrs. A. McFarlane (skip),
McKeller, H. McTavish and
A. W. E. Davidson.
Messrs. J. Russell (skip), J. A.
Douglas, F. C. Goodman and E.
Docherty.
Messrs. W. Johnstone (skip), B.
Wylie, G. Duncan and J. Jack.
Messrs. F. Fraser (skip), D.
Keith, G. Cooper and D. Hazel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Sir,—With reference to "En-
quirer's" letter concerning the
decision of the Board of Medical
Examiners of the Philippines that
the practice of Christian Science is
illegal, I regret that I have
not got a copy of the law in ques-
tion to refer to. But I will quote
in part from a letter dated
November 9th from Geo. D.
Templeton to the Manila Daily
Bulletin as follows:—

"I assume the Board of Medical
Examiners have based their opinion
on Chapter 31 of the Adminis-
trative Code of the Philippine Islands,
as amended by Act 3111, and if I
am correct in this it is desired to
point out that these laws do not
make the practice of Christian
Science illegal. Those now prac-
tising Christian Science in the
Philippines are not doing so in
violation of the law."

I have not heard if anything
further has transpired since then.

If "Enquirer" wants information
regarding Christian Science, I
suggest he pays a visit to the
Christian Science Reading Room
on Macdonnell Road, where he will
be able to obtain all the infor-
mation he desires. It is open
on Tuesday and Friday mornings from
10 to 12 and on Monday and Thurs-
day afternoons from 5 to 7.

Turning now to "W.T.R.'s"
further letter, your correspondent is
misinformed when he says that
Christian Scientists "urge the
physical sick to forego practical
and proven aid," suggests that they
"persuade weak-minded people to
ignore medical science" and states
that they "are a source of danger
to the community."

I was myself at one time opposed
to what I thought Christian Science
to be, but I found later that it was
only my false concept of it to
which I was opposed. This is a
very common experience.

In order to be able to criticize
Christian Science intelligently, it
is necessary first of all to under-
stand what it does teach, and to
learn this needs at least a study
of the text-book "Science and
Health with Key to the Scriptures"
by Mary Baker Eddy, the Dis-
coverer and Founder of Christian
Science.

The millions of people who have
been healed or otherwise bene-
fited by Christian Science, in very
many cases after other means had
failed, are testimony of what it has
done and is doing for humanity.

In conclusion, if your correspon-
dent should happen to meet the
adverse winds of fortune and find
that the staffs upon which he now
leans are inadequate to restore
health or satisfy in other ways, I
would ask him to bear in mind that
Christian Science has brought
health and happiness to others in
a similar plight and that it may be
able to do the same for him—
Yours, etc.,

D. G. M. BERNARD,
Committee on Publication.
Hongkong, Dec. 17th, 1925.

Compulsory anti-rabies vac-
cination have been decreed (says
an Exchange wire) for all dogs in
Lisbon, where lately there have

SALOON BOY'S LOAN.

INTERESTING CASE IN COURT.

The story of a borrowed loan of
\$800 by a No. 1 saloon boy, on
board a steamer, which was used, it
was stated for the purpose of lend-
ing to other boys on board at a
profit, and was alleged not to have
been repaid, was told in the Sum-
mary Court this morning before
Mr. Justice Wood. The plaintiff
was Tsang Yan-kee, and the defen-
dant was Tsang Tso. Mr. M. H.
Turner appeared for the plaintiff
and Mr. M. W. Lo for the defen-
dant.

In answer to Mr. Justice Wood,
Mr. Turner said there were no
documents he was entitled to put
into Court, and he did not propose
to produce any unless they were
required.

The wife of the plaintiff said just
before September 3rd, her husband
asked her to lend him some money
to lend to the defendant, and she
went to the bank and drew out
\$806.75, which was equal to £109
on the rate of exchange for the day.
She gave it to her husband in notes,
who then handed it to his brother,
who was present, and he counted
it. He then handed it to the defen-
dant. There were about thirty
persons present. The defendant
then paid some of the money out,
and kept some. She could not say
how much he kept. He agreed to
pay her back in two months time,
and add 2½% interest. He gave
her no security for it, and she next
saw him on October 26th, when he
said he would pay it back the next
day. He paid her \$80 that night.
Since that time nothing had been
paid.

Examined by Mr. Lo, witness
said she had known the defendant
at Liverpool. She had not lent him
money before. The defendant was
a No. 1 saloon boy, and her hus-
band was engaged in the shipping
line. He was not in the habit of
lending money to his friends. The
defendant wanted the money to
lend to other boys on board the
steamer he was engaged on. Her
husband's brother was a saloon boy
on the Empress of Canada, and at
that time was the assistant to the
defendant. When the Empress
returned from the trip, her husband
went on board, and later told her
he had not received any of the
money back.

Asked by Mr. Wood what his
defence was, Mr. Lo said his case
was that plaintiff was more or less
a money-lender, as he lent money
to the defendant to lend to boys.
They claimed that the money had
been repaid.

Re-examined by Mr. Turner
witness said the money was to pay
her return passage to England.

The plaintiff, in the witness box,
said he did not make it a habit of
lending money. He lent money to
the defendant on Sept. 3rd to lend
to other boys. When the money
was handed over, a number of boys
from the steamer were present.

He had subsequently repaid \$80.
Examined by Mr. Lo, plaintiff
said the defendant would make a
good profit on the money, but he
(plaintiff) would not benefit by it.
He was shown a book, which he
said was not his, but admitted that
two chops were his. He admitted
that he had lent the defendant \$100
on another occasion.

Plaintiff's husband, in the box,
admitted that the defendant had
repaid a sum which he had borrow-
ed for his own use. Books were
produced which showed that on
the arrival of the Empress of
Canada he went on board for the
purpose of collecting the debts
from the individuals.

Mr. Justice Wood:—How can
the case go further after this evi-
dence?

Mr. Turner:—I regret having
taken up the time of the Court. I
have been misinstructed I am
afraid.

His Lordship therefore entered
judgment for defendant with costs.

U. S. RUBBER INTERESTS.

FOOTING IN DUTCH INDIES.

New York, Dec. 16.
The initial issue of five thousand
shares of a hundred guilders each
in the Dutch-American Rubber
Plantation Company has been fully
subscribed at a price of forty dol-
lars a share.

The bankers concerned had the
issue as a wedge of American par-
ticipation in rubber production in
the Dutch Indies. A similar block
of shares is being offered in Am-
sterdam. —Reuter's American Ser-

SCOTTISH CUP.

DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND.

London, December 16.
The draw for the first round pro-
per of the Scottish Cup, which is
to be played on January 23rd, is
as follows:

Nairn County v. St. Johnstone.
Peebles Rovers v. Keith.
Royal Albert v. Alloa.
Arbroath v. Berwick Rangers.
Cowdenbeath v. Hamilton Acad-
emics.
Kilmarnock v. Celtic.
Boness v. East Fife.
Clyde v. Dunfermline.
Hibernians v. Broxburn.
Bathgate v. East Stirling.
Queen's Park v. Clydebank.
Dumbarton v. Buckie.
Third Lanark v. Moor Park.
Solway Star v. Johnstone.
Partick v. Motherwell.
Aberdeen v. St. Bernards.
Dundee v. Inverness Caledo-
nians.
Albion v. Nithsdale.
Civil Service v. Leith.
Rangers v. Lochgelly.
Dundee United v. Hearts.
King's Park v. Peterhead.
Montrose v. Clacknacuddin.
Douglas Wanderers v. Forfar.
Brechin v. Thornhill.
Raith v. Ayr.
Arthurlie v. Armadale.
Stenhouse Muir v. Vale of Leven.
Queen of South v. Airdrie.
Breadalbane v. Falkirk.
St. Mirren v. Mid Annandale.
Dykehead v. Morton.

—Reuter.

FERRY SERVICE.

CROWDING SUCCESSFULLY
OVERCOME.

Owing to the "Golden Star," one
of the big ferries, being off the
run for two or three days, the
"Star" Ferry Company have tem-
porarily brought into operation,
during the rush hours, a service
from both gangways on either side
of the ferry wharves, with a view
to reducing possible overcrowding
of the smaller boats. The system
worked very successfully to-day,
crowding being entirely obviated.

This continuous rush-hour
service will, we understand, be de-
finitely inaugurated when the two
new ferries are brought into opera-
tion. They are to be similar to the
two big ones now in use, but will
have even greater accommodation,
the upper deck being extended
practically the full length of the
boat, instead of being set back from
the bows as at present.

It was originally expected to
have the four big ferries in use
about this time, but owing to delay
caused by the strike of June-
August, the new boats are, we
learn, not likely to be operating
until next March.

RAILWAY ROBBERY.

THIRTY PASSENGERS
KIDNAPPED.

For the second time within the
space of a month, a big robbery
has occurred on the Canton-
Hankow Railway.

Reporting on the matter, the
head office of the railway states
that the robbery occurred on the
No. 4 north train on the 12th
instant, at a place between the
Oo-shok and Ching Fung Ting
stations. The belongings of all
the passengers, as well as of the
railway employees on the train,
were stolen, whilst the robbers,
on leaving, carried off thirty pas-
sengers into captivity.

LOCAL CRICKET.

H. K. C. C. MATCHES.

The following teams have been
chosen to represent the Hongkong
Cricket Club on Saturday, 19th
December, all fixtures starting
at 2 p.m.

1st XI v. Navy, at home
(League):—R. Hancock (Capt.),
A. C. L. Bowker, A. W. Hayward,
H. Owen Hughes, J. D.
Humphreys, E. G. Lammert,
E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E.
Pearce, L. P. Ralph, E. F.
Stewart and F. N. Young.

2nd XI v. Chinese R.C. at
Causeway Bay (Friendly).—A.
K. Mackenzie, (Capt.), C. L. R.
Bocher, H. C. Burgess, W. T.
Featherstone, A. G. Gordon, R.
W. Lee, D. H. McMaster, D. E.
G. Nicholson, D. B. Peat, W. L.
Smith, and H. J. Stevenson.

"Outcasts" v. Civil Service at
Happy Valley.—L. D. McNicoll
(Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, Capt. C.
D. Armstrong, Capt. Bensley, Capt.
Haigh, J. Hall, C. P. Lammert,
H. W. Parker, J. A. H. Plummer,
G. B. W. Roberts and E. M. Watson.

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